

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date April 18, 2024 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Amanda Peña (Library Director), Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O'Donnell (Trustee), Edie Vaughn (Trustee), absent Maureen Konwinski.

Call to order. Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:40 pm.

- 1) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** “This meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Act is posted on the Baright Public Library website”. Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 2) **Agenda Approval.** Edie Vaughn made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Jim O'Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 3) **Approve minutes.** Sharon Medina moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from March, 2024. There were no unusual expenses.
- 5) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from March, 2024. Generally speaking, there were more increases fewer decreases: computer lab uses were down as well as meeting room uses and users. This could be due to the end of the Senior tax help sessions.
- 6) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. In March, we provided a magic show for families, courtesy of *The Amazing Arthur*.
 - b. In March we also started multiple programs for teens: Teen Lego nights, and return of Teen Nerg Wars.
 - c. We also started our Toddler Explore Storytime for ages 1 to 3.
 - d. Started offering reader advisory online for our patrons. Patrons answer a few questions, and a staff member will give them a list of book suggestions.
 - e. Over 120 people attended the annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th. The Omaha World Herald took pictures of the event.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
 - a. In March, we started providing Adult Craft Night and Lego Night.
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - a. In March, we partnered with Pause coffee shop to provide free coffee and tea for our Coffee Social, to be held every Thursday, 10:30 am to 12:30pm.
 - b. On March 19, we partnered with Ralston Vet to provide a story time for our families.
- 7) **Technology:**

The city has signed a contract with Eakes to provide our printers and copiers. We continue to work the vendor to fix any issues.

8) **Staff Development:**

None:

9) **Building Maintenance Report:**

None

10) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation had their meeting on April 9.

11) **Old Business:**

None

12) **Unfinished Business:**

None

13) **New Business**

Chapter 7, Section 1 & 2: Room Areas, Chapter 3: Section 9 – will formalize in May meeting.

14) **Public Comments.** No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

Next meeting on May 16, 2024

16) **Adjournment.** Sharon Medina moved to adjourn the meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye:

Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.