

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date October 19, 2023 Baright Public Library

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

Call to order. Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:31 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.** Maureen Konwinski made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Sharon Medina. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 3) **Approve minutes.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Jim O'Donnell, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from October, 2023. There were no unusual expenses.
- 5) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from September 2023. Generally speaking, there was a decrease in numbers from August to September, but an increase from September 2022 to this year.
- 6) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. For September, Library Card Sign-Up month was a hit with the new Grogu library cards.
 - b. For the Acrylic Painting after Hours program for adults, it was decided to continue the program the first week of the month going forward.
 - c. Library renewed the memberships for another year of Cultural Passes. Library members can check-out a pass to the Children's Museum, Durham Museum, Fontenelle Forest, and the Lauritzen Gardens for free.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
 - a. On September 21, we had the Alzheimer's Association present on 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease explaining the disease and hearing from people who have Alzheimer's.
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - a. Allo and Great Plains are investing in Ralston by laying down Fiber. We attended both kick-off events to support the companies in their investment into Ralston.
- 7) **Technology:**
None

8) **Staff Development:**

Interviews for the Youth Services Librarian have concluded. We plan to have the person start in early November.

9) **Building Maintenance Report:**

None, but plan to have the carpets cleaned after Holiday Magic.

11) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet in September.

12) **Old Business:**

a. A review of Chapter 4 Policy, sections, 1, 3, and 4. Motion to approve: Edie Vaughn, seconded by Sharon Medina. Voting aye: Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn.

13) **Unfinished Business:**

a. Suspension of Privileges for Health and Safety Reasons policy. New budget review, Youth Services position job posting, summer Reading program statistics.

14) **New Business**

Holiday Closures 23-24 approval and Budget for new fiscal year 23-24. Jim O'Donnell presented the LaVista Community Center Special Services Bus Program.

15) **Public Comments.** No comment.

16) **Announcements.**

a. Next meeting on November 16, 2023.

17) **Adjournment.** Maureen Konwinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim O'Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye:

Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.