

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library  
Date August 15, 2024 Baright Public Library

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

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 7:02 pm.
- 2) **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.
- 3) **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, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Approve minutes.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Sharon Medina seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 5) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from June and July, 2024.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from June and July, 2024. Numbers were mixed but generally from July 23 to July 24, Circulation was up, computer lab use was mixed, cardholders were up, and meeting room usage was increasing.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report. \*No update for July\***  
Library Services - July
  1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
    - a. Summer Reading was a huge success. We had 479 children, 32 teens, and 229 adults sign up.
    - b. The Salvation Army free lunch truck provided over 1,000 free lunches for our kids 0 to 18.
    - c. For the summer, staff provided 103 programs with attendance being at 2082.
  2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
    - a. Our third session for Lunch and Learn was provided by the American National Bank about home loans.
  3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
    - a. On July 23<sup>rd</sup> we offered a free Jazzercise program with local Ralston Fitness Studio.
- 8) **Technology:**  
Nothing new.
- 9) **Staff Development:**  
None.
- 10) **Building Maintenance Report:**

We sustained minor damage during the storm on July 31<sup>st</sup> with our flags and flag pole being damaged, emergency lights going out, and our water fountain outside ending up in the bushes. We lost power to the building Wednesday night and all of Thursday.

11) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet in August.

12) **Old Business:**

None

13) **Unfinished Business:**

Policy update – Chapter 10, Section 5 – Demonstrators, Solicitors, and Petitioners Policy – Final approval at August Meeting. Motion to approve amended policy by Maureen Konwinski, seconded by Jim O’Donnell. Motion carried.

14) **New Business:**

Budget 24-25. SRP Wrap Up.

15) **Public Comments.**

No comments.

16) **Announcements.**

Next meeting will be on September 19, 2024

17) **Adjournment.**

Edie Vaughn 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 7:37 pm.