

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
April 20, 2023, Baright Public Library

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

Absent: Sharon Medina (Trustee).

- 1) **Call to order.** Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:31 pm.
- 2) **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** Read by Melanie Bloom.
- 3) **Agenda Approval.** Maureen Konwinski moved to approve the agenda, and Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Minutes Approval.** Jim O'Donnell moved to approve the March minutes, and Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn.
- 5) **Financial Report.** Amanda Peña presented the financial report for March. There were no unusual expenses. Spending for the summer reading program will begin this month.
- 6) **Statistical Report.** Amanda Peña presented the statistical report for March. Most numbers are up, and there was discussion of increased circulation among teens as well as teen programming.
- 7) **Strategic Plan Report.**
 - a) *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - i) On March 25th, the library continued with the plant theme this spring to provide a Seed Swap event where people donated seeds and picked up new seeds. There will be a second event the weekend of April 29th.
 - ii) The library started circulating a telescope which was provided by the Omaha Astronomical Society.
 - iii) Partnering with UNO the library hosted an exhibit in the main area of the library that celebrates the history of 50 years of Black Studies at UNO.
 - b) *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs:*
 - i) The library is working with the city to start planning more events and resources for Ralston's senior population and the senior center.
 - ii) Amanda Peña has begun discussions with the La Vista Community Center to provide joint programming for seniors, taking advantage of the shuttle service.
 - c) *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business*
 - i) As part of the Master Parks Plan, the library will have \$10,000 dollars to implement a free library of things collection purchasing recreational items like lawn games, musical instruments, and sewing machines. Some of these items will be available next week, but the library hopes to unveil the entire collection on June 1st with the start of SRP.
 - ii) The library was given \$1,200 to purchase virtual reality equipment to use for programming and for circulation.
- 8) **Building Maintenance Report.** No report.

- 9) **Staff Development.** The library hired a new Library Associate, Eva Ellefson, who started in April. From the Library Associate recruitment, the library offered the vacant part-time Library Assistant job to Ashlee Gibson who also started in the first week of April. Currently, the library has no vacant positions.
- 10) **Foundation Reports.**
 - a) **Baright Public Library Foundation.** No report. The Foundation may meet again on June 13th.
 - b) **Wiebe-Ralston Foundation.** No report. The Foundation will meet on Tuesday, April 25th to discuss several funding requests.
- 11) **Old Business.** None.
- 12) **New Business.**
 - a) The board reviewed minor changes to library policies in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, and 9. Changes will be voted upon at the May 18th board meeting.
 - b) Board of Trustees Officer positions will stay the same this year. A vote for new officers will take place at the November meeting.
- 13) **Public Comments.** None.
- 14) **Announcements.** None.
- 15) **Adjournment.** Maureen Konwinski moved to adjourn the meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion carried with the following trustees voting aye: The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, and Edie Vaughn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47.