

Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library
Date May 16, 2024 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 6:29 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 Jim O'Donnell. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Jim O'Donnell, Sharon Medina, Edie Vaughn.
- 3) **Approve minutes.** Edie Vaughn 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, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn.
- 4) **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from April, 2024. There were no unusual expenses.
- 5) **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from April, 2024. Generally speaking, there were more decreases from March to April, but from April 23 to April 24 there were more increases.
- 6) **Strategic Plan Report.**
Library Services
 1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
 - a. On April 8th, we hosted a Solar Eclipse Storytime and Watch Party where we gave out eclipse glasses to those attending the event. We received 500 free glasses that were all given away on the 8th.
 - b. On April 2nd, we returned to our Read to a Dog program by introducing two new dogs for the struggling readers ages 5 to 12 to practice their reading with.
 - c. Starting April 4th, we started offering our DIY Creative Studio where children 6 and older can enjoy various activities like painting, coloring, and much more.
 2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
 - a. AARP ended their tax help on April 13th. The volunteers helped 600 people to e-file their state and federal taxes this season.
 - b. Using a grant from Nebraska Humanities we brought back our popular Folk Dancing around the World series for 55+ by our resident artist Courtney Stein Cairncross.
 3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
 - a. On April 23rd, we headed back out to Ralston Park for our Out and About Storytime which will continue until September.
- 7) **Technology:** After researching three different software programs to allow our Cultural Passes to be reserved online we decided to go with SpringShare using their TixKeeper module. The library plans to go live with the software on May 8th.

8) **Staff Development:**

None:

9) **Building Maintenance Report:**

The front ADA door has a broken spring inside the mechanism to automatically close and open the doors. I've received quotes from tow companies to fix the door. DH Pace will be fixing the door. It is now operating as it should.

10) **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation had their meeting on May 14th.

11) **Old Business:**

None

12) **Unfinished Business:**

None

13) **New Business**

Summer Reading Program. A presentation of the summer events was discussed. Library cards were issued to area Elementary Schools and Ralston High School.

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

15) **Announcements.**

Next meeting will be on June 20, 2024

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

Melanie Bloom, Maureen Konwinski, Sharon Medina, Jim O'Donnell, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.