

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—April 12, 2010

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Price called the meeting to order at 4:38 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Ed Price, President; Fred Marcell, Vice President; Karen Heist, Secretary; Louis Walters
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Louis Walters moved and Fred Marcell seconded the approval of the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimously favorable vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: President Price reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. Ed price noted a payment to the city on the bill list for the amount of \$90,000. Director Maloney stated that our assets and liabilities are right in line with our cash flow timetable. Fred Marcell moved and Louis Walters seconded paying the bills on the list. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Price reported that the Lecture Room and Conference Room is being well used. The majority of requests for use of the rooms are from the city of Ocean City and the majority of attendees are from Ocean City residents.

Mr. Price mentioned that the 2nd floor will be open to the public in approximately two weeks and the contractor will begin renovating the 1st floor. Mr. Price suggested a group of Board members join Director Maloney, the general contractor representative and the project manager from the city in walking through the 2nd floor before opening in order to be sure that the renovations are complete.

Director Price stated that Board has received a notice form the CWA bargaining unit informing the Board of their intent to move into mediation. A motion was made by Louis Walters and seconded by Fred Marcell to move into mediation with the CWA bargaining unit. The motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney presented the variety of programs the library is offering for National Library Week, April 11th through the 17th. These programs include daily beach tag drawings, amnesty from fines, special children's craft programs and two lectures.

Director Maloney presented an overview of the proposed State Library budget cuts and proposed state legislation that would eliminate the current funding formula for municipal libraries. The governor has proposed a 74% cut in the State Library budget. The funds in the State Library budget are used for cooperative discounted purchasing for all libraries in the state. The discounted purchasing allows libraries to pay less for Internet access, research databases, electronic books, Inter Library loan, reference books, electronic reference services and summer reading programs. Funds for the State Library budget are also used for per capita aid. Per capita aid will be cut in half if the proposed cuts are approved. Mr. Price suggested a more detailed report on the impact of the proposed cuts. Mr. Price recommended that the Board send a letter opposing the proposed cuts to our local legislators and committee members.

COMMUNICATIONS: NA.

BUILDING EXPANSION- President Price presented an updated report on our water leak issues. The leaks have been identified and the water penetration spots have been located. The source of some leaks is the open area between the exterior wall of the Aquatic and Fitness Center building and exterior wall of the library building. A new roof is scheduled to be installed on the Aquatic and Fitness center building in the fall of 2010 separate from the current project. This should stop any water infiltration in this area. A question was brought up of what to do until the new roof has been installed. A discussion ensued about installing coping between the two buildings to temporarily stop the leaks and who would be responsible in the future if water leaks through the same area. Mr. Price recommended that Roger Rinck, the city's project manager for this project, present a detailed report explaining what leaks still exist and present a solution for stopping them at the next meeting.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: Vice President Sandy Cresenczo reminded Board members of the Author Tea program that will take place on May 6th at 2pm. She reported that the Friends are paying for author Jonathan Rand to

visit and speak at both the primary and Intermediate schools. She also requested assistance in funding for the Autumn Author Luncheon in which author Pete Hamill will be the keynote speaker.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. New Hires: Directory Maloney reported that he and his staff are in the process of reviewing resumes for the part time youth services position. Maloney then recommended the Board approve his recommendation of promoting an existing part time Library Assistant to full time to assist with providing services in the reference department and circulation. The full time position salary will be \$21,500. Louis Walters and Fred Marcell seconded a motion to approve the promotion of this employee from part time status to full time with a job title of Library Assistant and a salary of \$21,500. Motion was approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution Awarding a contract with Ford-Scott & Associates, LLC for municipal auditing services: President Price suggested this agenda item be tabled to the next meeting when the Board Treasurer will be present.
- B. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City School District: The request consisted of two components: 1) Field trip to the Wetlands Institute for 600 students. The cost not to exceed \$10,395 for the Wetlands Institute and transportation.2) A balanced literacy program for 800 students. The cost not to exceed \$10,297 for the purchase of books. A motion was made by Louis Walters to approve the two requests with not to exceed amounts of \$10,395 and \$10,297 and seconded by Fred Marcell. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.
- C. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Education Foundation: A request was received to fund \$25,000 to help build an observatory on the High School property. A discussion ensued and the Board decided to invite a representative of the Foundation to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting.
- D. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Emergency Management: A request was received to fund the printing of an informational hurricane and storm preparedness guide to be distributed to Ocean City residents through the Sentinel newspaper. This same request was approved last year for a cost of \$4,300. A motion to approve the request with a cost not to exceed \$5,000 was made by Louis Walters and seconded by Ed Price. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.
- E. Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Historical Museum: A request was received to fund a summer lecture series at a cost not to exceed \$3,500. A motion was made by Karen Heist to approve the request with a not to exceed cost of \$3,500 and seconded by Louis Walters. The motion was approved with a unanimous roll call vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Fred Marcell moved and Lou Walters seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:08pm.