

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—May 11, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Price called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Ed Price, President; John Flood, Vice President; Fred Marcell, Treasurer; Nancy Wattson; Dr. Kathleen Taylor, Superintendent of Schools; Jim Rutala, City Administrator, representing Mayor Perillo
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney, Leslie Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Flood moved and Mr. Marcell seconded the approval of the minutes from the April 13, 2009 meeting as corrected. The motion passed with abstentions from Nancy Wattson and Jim Rutala, who had not attended that meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Marcell reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. Mr. Marcell moved and Mr. Flood seconded paying the bills on the list. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Price reported that he is still receiving OPRA requests for library documents. He stressed that such requests should go to Director Maloney, not to himself or the library's attorney. Mr. Price mentioned the recent Trustee Institute that was held in Princeton and attended by himself, Treasurer Marcell, and Director Maloney. The workshop was very productive, according to Mr. Price, who said our Board was commended on being very conscientious by other attendees. Mr. Price then reported on a funding request from the Ocean City Board of Education for an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the "Year Round Learners" program. The money would be taken from the Interlocal Schools line item of our budget and would be used for supplies and transportation for a program to help students retain their skills during the summer.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney urgently requested the Board to lobby against a bill that was introduced into the State Senate which would cut funding to municipal libraries from 1/3 to 1/6 of a mil. He asked Board members to contact Senator Jeff Van Drew and express disapproval of this bill.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jim Rutala shared a flyer concerning a focus group to study the future of the O.C. Pops.

BUILDING EXPANSION—John Flood reported on the work being done on both sides of the building. November is the target date for the moving of the library stacks. This work will be done according to a detailed schedule.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: President Rosemarie Ricci reported on the success of the spring author tea. Both President Price and Director Chris Maloney were invited to speak at the event.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Funding Request from the Ocean City Board of Education for "Year Round Learners"— John Flood moved and Nancy Wattson seconded to approve the funding request, not to exceed \$5,000. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Price-yes; Flood-yes; Wattson-yes; Marcell-yes; Rutala-yes; Taylor-abstained. The motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Waddell commented on the one day Friends and Volunteers Book sale and the receipt of the first check from Better World Books for the sale of weeded and donated books.

Michael Hinchman commented on expenditures during the library's 2008 budget year.

RECESS: Mr. Flood moved and Mrs. Wattson seconded at 4:40pm to recess from the regular business portion of the meeting. All agreed.

SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING

The meeting reconvened at 5pm for a special workshop on Organization Goals and Objectives moderated by consultant Alan Burger from Library Development Solutions. Notes from that workshop are attached.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nancy Waddell commented on improving communication between all the Community Cultural Center Boards.

Roberta Woessner stressed need for a facilities manager.

Mr. Price moved and Mr. Flood seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm. All were in agreement.