

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—May 14, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred Marcell called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Fred Marcell, President; Nancy Larrabee, Treasurer; Jon Batastini, Secretary; Jennifer Shirk; Dr. Kathy Taylor, Superintendent of Schools; Mayor Jay Gillian; Mike Dattilo, City Business Administrator; Jim Mallon, Director of Community Services
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney; Leslie Clarke

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Taylor moved and Mike Dattilo seconded to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2012 meeting. There was unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Larrabee reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. Mayor Gillian moved and Dr. Taylor seconded to pay the bills. All approved with a unanimously favorable roll call vote.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Marcell reported on the successful Author Tea that was held by the Friends and Volunteers. He complimented them for the great job they do promoting the library.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney reminded the Board about the 6 pm dedication ceremony for the Freedom Gallery following the Board meeting today. Maloney reported that he received the official letter from the State Library regarding the return of funds to taxpayers. The State library spokesperson reminded the Board that the usual period of review is 45 days, and that they did us a special service to shorten the review process. Maloney then reported that after a few hard rainstorms, no water is leaking into the library. The areas affected by mold were cleaned by the ServPro Company and then were tested for mold again by Coastal Environmental Compliance to make sure all mold had been removed. They found no mold and gave their opinion that the areas were safe to be used again. ServPro recommended a contractor to replace the sheet rock, install new carpeting, and paint. The areas should be ready in two weeks. Maloney reported on the Chris Herron program which took place at the High School Auditorium and had a live feed into the meeting room in our library. He stated that the program was excellent.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: AARP held a Senior Safety Driving program at the library and sent a thank you letter for the library's assistance with the program. Director Maloney pointed out that the library had a whole section in the Sentinel Ledger's Spring Edition advertising our programming. We also received letters from Ocean City Primary School students and teachers thanking the library for the Kindles they received from the Library.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT: President Rose Marie Ricci thanked the Board for supporting the Friend and Volunteer organization and for coming to the Author Tea.

BUILDING ISSUES: This was covered in the Director's Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Jon Batastini inquired about the old Wawa property that was discussed as a possible satellite branch of the library. Karen Heist had volunteered to look into this, but if she has not, Fred Marcell will do so. Director Maloney attended a meeting about a Downtown Branch at 8th and Asbury. The Main Street organization wants to use it. They asked representatives from The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey about their possible involvement in the building. Staff from the Performing Arts Center of Stockton will speak to the college's administrators about the idea of using this building for theatre presentations. Nancy Larrabee asked Director Maloney about extending operating hours on Saturday and Sunday. Director Maloney stated that he will discuss this with his staff.

NEW BUSINESS: NA

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1. Ed Price expressed displeasure that he had no input in having the Strategic Plan approved. He felt that as chairman of the Planning Committee he should have been consulted.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS WAGE INCREASES FOR NON UNION EMPLOYEES: Mayor Gillian moved and Nancy Larrabee seconded to enter into closed session at 5:40 pm. All approved with a roll call vote. At 5:50 pm Mayor Gillian moved and Nancy Larrabee seconded to return to regular session. All approved with a roll call vote. At 5:52pm Mayor Gillian moved and Fred Marcell seconded approving 1% cost of living increase plus a \$2,000 performance increase for 3 full time non- union department heads and a 1% cost of living increase for other full time non - union employees. A Roll call vote was taken as follows: President Marcell-yea, Treasurer Larrabee-yea, Secretary Batastini-yea, Shirk-yea, Mayor Gillian-yea, Superintendent of Schools Taylor- abstained

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Gillian moved and Nancy Larrabee seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. All approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon Batastini
Recording Secretary