

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—August 10, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Price called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: John Flood moved and Karen Heist seconded the approval of the minutes as corrected from the July 13, 2009 meeting. The motion passed with a unanimously favorable vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: John Flood gave the report in the absence of Treasurer Marcell. He informed the Board that the City of Ocean City Payroll and Personnel Departments will have up to date cost information for Employee Benefits by the September Board meeting. Nancy Wattson moved and John Flood seconded paying the bills on the list. A unanimously favorable roll call vote was taken.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Price waived his report.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney reported on circulation statistics and highlighted an increase in wireless internet use over last summer. Maloney complimented library staff for their excellent customer service and courteous attitude and communication with visitors this summer. (Mayor Perillo entered at 5:10.) Mr. Maloney stated that having access to the Library Annex, while construction continues at the main library, has been very helpful this summer in providing both programming and computer services.

COMMUNICATIONS: Director Maloney passed around correspondence complimenting the library's programs.

BUILDING EXPANSION—John Flood reported on the work being done on both sides of the building. The majority of the brick work has been done. HVAC units should arrive this week. "Hard Hat" tours of the new sections of the building will be given on August 17 at 1 pm. There have been a few leaks which have been addressed. A report on the leaks will be given at the next Board Meeting. There was a discussion concerning the renovation to the Aquatic and Fitness Center. President Price then expressed his concern about the leaks in the penthouse/mechanical room. He and John Flood have worked hard with the contractor on this issue. He stressed that there are several problems in this area that need to be addressed. The leaks are not coming from the roof but from the walls. Roger Rinck of the Planning and Engineering Department has also been involved in trying to solve the leak problem. The penthouse/mechanical room needs some renovation. One idea would be to wrap the area in metal; while another solution would be to remove the split faced brick and replace it with another type of brick. The Board will be kept informed on the efforts to solve this problem.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS: NA

OLD BUSINESS:

- A.** Outreach Funding Request: Ocean City Historical Museum—Mr. Flood has been working on the idea of having the Museum preserve all of the library's historical records for a fee. They would give us a report on what needs to be done to safely restore and preserve them.
- B.** Outreach Funding Request: Red and White Weekend—Mr. Flood reported that on September 25 and 26 there will be an all years' class reunion of students who graduated from Ocean City High School. He outlined some of the activities that the Reunion Committee has planned thus far. Mr. Flood would like our library to assist the Committee by working with the Historical Museum to scan old photographs and collect memorabilia. He suggested that the library

could fund the project at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Mr. Flood and Director Maloney could work with the Head of the Historical Museum and the Reunion Committee. Karen Heist moved and Nancy Wattson seconded that the library coordinate with the Museum to help the Reunion Committee at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. There was a unanimously favorable roll call vote taken.

- C. Meeting Room Policy—the proposed policy was emailed to the Board. There was discussion of several issues with the meeting room. There was a question of whether an insurance certificate should be required of groups using the room. Other topics that were brought up include whether only Ocean City based non-profit community groups should be allowed to use the meeting room; whether users of the room would pay custodial fees if more cleaning needed to be done after their use of it; whether there should be any deposits required with the submission of an application (for groups wanting to have refreshments); how much notice should be given to reserve the room; and whether library staff should be used to operate equipment for groups using the room. President Price will speak to Steve Barse, the library board's attorney regarding the insurance issue.

NEW BUSINESS:

A new organization has been formed to raise funds for the Community Center. Their first goal is to raise funds for the renovation of the Aquatic and Fitness Center. This organization is called the Ocean City Community Center Association. There will be a Press Conference in front of the Aquatic and Fitness Center on Monday, August 17th at 12 noon to raise awareness of what the association is seeking to achieve. All are invited to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roberta Woessner suggested the selling of pavers with people's names on them as part of the new construction. She also commented that the air conditioning in the library is not working properly and that she liked the summer book club that Reference Librarian Allison Moonitz started.

Jim Hess congratulated Mr. Price on his handling of the leaks. He suggested getting a testing lab to test the concrete to make sure it has properly dried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to enter executive session was made at 6:00 pm by Nancy Wattson and seconded by Karen Heist, all in favor by unanimous roll call vote. Motion to return to regular session was made at 6:29 pm by John Flood, seconded by Nancy Wattson, all in favor by unanimous roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT: John Flood moved and Dr. Taylor seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm. All agreed. The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm.