

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES—August 13, 2012

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML

CALL TO ORDER: President Fred Marcell called the meeting to order at 4:35 pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (*Roll Call*) Fred Marcell, President; Karen Heist, Vice President; Jennifer Shirk; Dr. Kathy Taylor; Jim Mallon for Mayor Gillian
Library Staff: Christopher Maloney; Leslie Clarke
Sandy Crescenzo from the Friends and Volunteers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Karen Heist moved and Jennifer Shirk seconded to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2012 meeting. There was unanimous approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the absence of Treasurer Larrabee, President Marcell reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. Karen Heist moved and Jennifer Shirk seconded to pay the bills. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Marcell-yes; Heist-yes; Shirk-yes; Mallon-yes; Taylor-abstained. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Marcell reported that Director Christopher Maloney was appointed to the Public Policy Committee of N.J.L.A. He will be speaking by conference call with Senator Jeff Van Drew concerning legislation concerning the dissolution of libraries. Currently there is no law to prevent municipalities from dissolving their public libraries without a public referendum. Marcell brought up an idea of having a golf outing to increase interest in our Community Center and raise funds. The other entities in the Center would be represented along with the library on a planning committee for the event. Currently there are two golf outings that are held for other Ocean City Organizations. Marcell suggested that chairmanship of the event be rotated and that the entity that chaired the event would receive the funds raised that year. President Marcell suggested that the library create a Foundation with a 501 (c) (3) status. He also recommended changing the format of the agenda of the board meetings by having an “open forum” as a regular item. The President's and Director's Reports could be sent out electronically and the top portion of the meeting could be streamlined to allow more time for discussion.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Director Maloney shared user statistics with the Board that showed that memberships, circulation, and the walk-in count are all up from last year. He reported that Michelle Stricker of the State Library recently visited our library and was impressed by the facility. She called the Ocean City Library a “model for other municipalities.” Maloney has been looking into ways the library could serve the North End of town—using the primary school on evenings and weekends as a branch, fare free transportation to get patrons from that area to the library, and books by mail service. Kathy Taylor suggested library staff attending City Council meetings to inform the public of what we are doing.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: There was a donation of \$3,000 from a resident of Tom's River. We sent a letter of acknowledgement and thanks to the donor.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT: Sandy Crescenzo of the Friends and Volunteers of the Ocean City Public Library spoke about the upcoming Author Luncheon. She invited the Board members to attend and stressed that she needs to know by Sept. 10 who on the Board will be coming. She also reminded President Marcell that the check for \$5,000 to help pay for the author is needed by the September 10 meeting.

BUILDING ISSUES: There were no leaks after a recent storm. Roger Rinck toured the building recently. The handrail to the second floor was broken and reported to Public Works.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Long Range Plan Update—Chris collected more surveys from patrons. The plan will be finalized at the September Board meeting. August 23 at 5 pm will be the final planning committee meeting. Once the plan has been approved, a timeline will be formulated and we can start implementing the plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Resolution L2012-06 Authorizing a Non Fair and Open Contract with Millennium Radio for a total of \$30,000. Jim Mallon moved and Karen Heist seconded to approve the resolution with the stipulation that the amount not exceed \$30,000. All approved with a roll call vote. Director Maloney is going to meet with the other entities to discuss “branding” the community center.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS EVALUATION OF DIRECTOR:

Jim Mallon moved and Karen Heist seconded to enter into closed session at 5:25 pm. All approved with a roll call vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AND ENTER OPEN SESSION:

Fred Marcell moved and Jim Mallon seconded to enter open session at 5:43pm. All approved with a roll call vote.

AUTHORIZATION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING: Fred Marcell moved and Jim Mallon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:44pm. All approved by a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,