

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES-August 11, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML Notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings that was approved by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting Monday, December 16, 2013. The Annual Schedule of Meetings was advertised in the January 9, 2014 Ocean City Sentinel, posted on the Library's website, and posted on bulletin boards inside the library.

CALL TO ORDER: President Jennifer Shirk called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE: (Roll Call) Jennifer Shirk, Jon Batastini, Brian Broadley, Ron Denney, Dr. Connie Pritchard, Dustin Peters, Mayor Jay Gillian, Fred Marcell, Leslie Clarke, Steve Barse, Sandy Crescenzo, Jim Mallon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Pritchard moved and Brian Broadley seconded to approve the minutes from the July, 2014 meeting. All present were in favor by roll call.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Broadley reviewed current assets and liabilities of the library. All items were reported in line. There were no questions.

ACTION ON THE BILLS: Ron Denney moved to approve and pay the bills with a second from Dr. Pritchard. All present were in favor by a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution Approving the 2013 Audit- The resolution was postponed until next month so that all members have adequate time to look it over. It was requested that the auditor be present at the September meeting to review the report and answer any questions.

B. Book Club Policy- The senior librarian asked that the policy be reviewed as recent issues have arisen regarding the number of copies of books purchased by the library per club. Mr. Batastini presented his suggestions to the Board which included encouraging club members to purchase their books locally. This prompted a lengthy discussion and the Board requested that more information including the number of current clubs in existence and the number of books purchased per year to date. Mrs. Clarke will provide this information at the next meeting along with copies of the current policy and Mr. Batastini's suggested changes.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Shirk reported that the eligible/failure roster has not yet been received from the state, however, in accordance with the law; persons who applied to the state for the position were encouraged to provide a copy of their submitted resume to the Board so that interview preparations could begin.

President Shirk will be attending a Trustee Institute workshop in September and encouraged member attendance.

ACTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Acting Director Leslie Clarke reported that interviews and hiring procedures have begun for replacements for the separated Library Assistants. The Library's online magazine service, Zinio, is successful. The portrait of Chris Maloney is nearly complete. The bookmobile committee visited the bookmobile of the Mays Landing branch of the county library and found it very informative.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: There was no correspondence presented.

FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS REPORT: Sandy Crescenzo informed members of a Book Sale to be held on September 22 and 23. The Author Luncheon, featuring Carl Bernstein, will be held at the

Flanders on October 9 at \$35 per person. She formally requested \$5,000.00 from the Board for the event as is precedent from prior years.

There was a motion at this time by Jon Batastini to approve the payment of \$5,000.00 to the Friends and Volunteers for the author event as was done in the past. The motion was seconded by Ron Denney and a roll call found all in favor.

Mrs. Crescenzo reported that the plaques for the Maloney portrait have been ordered. She presented research information on "Maker Spaces" and offered the group's assistance in any future endeavors.

BUILDING ISSUES: The tiling is near completion and there is an upcoming bid meeting regarding the roof. The windows are scheduled to be cleaned upon completion of the tiling project.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. **Signage Update-** there is no information available at this time.

B. **Bookmobile Update-** Fred Marcell presented the results of the recent visit to the bookmobile of the Mays Landing Library by our library's committee. The visit was informative and the committee will continue to meet to discuss the many details to be determined regarding use of the vehicle, storage locations, etc. He stressed that marketing the vehicle adequately will be instrumental in the successful launch of its use. Mrs. Shirk presented two favored logos designed for the mobile and suggestions were welcomed and are to be received by September 1, 2014.

C. **Strategic Plan Update-**

1) **Resolution Approving a Contract with Globus Design Associates**

Dr. Pritchard was thanked for her invaluable expertise and assistance in selecting a competent firm to perform the services. Mr. Batastini moved to approve the resolution awarding the strategic plan update to Globus Design Associates. There was a second from Fred Marcell and a roll call found all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sandy Crescenzo offered that as a current member of an existing library book club, it is her opinion that many members already purchase their books locally. She also offered the assistance of the group with the usage of the bookmobile including a possible presence at their location in the Block Party.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS OF THE FULL-TIME CWA UNION EMPLOYEES

Jon Batastini moved to enter the session with a second from Mr. Denney at 4:38pm where action may or may not be taken. All present were in favor. Mr. Batastini moved to exit executive session and re-enter regular session at 4:50pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marcell and all present were in favor.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION. There was no formal action taken.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Batastini moved to end the meeting with a second from Mr. Denney at 4:51PM. All present were in favor.