

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on August 12, 2019

Call to Order: 4:00pm

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 on Monday, December 10, 2018. The Annual Schedule of Meetings was advertised in the December 19, 2018 Ocean City Sentinel and the December 14, 2018 AC Press, posted on the Library's website, on bulletin boards inside the library and in the City Clerk's office.

Attendance: Jennifer Shirk, Fred Marcell, Ron Denney, Brian Broadley, Dustin Peters, Lauren Cowden, Dr. Taylor, Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Leslie Clarke.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Brian Broadley to approve the July 2019 minutes with a second from Fred Marcell. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Fred Marcell reviewed the report including the assets and liabilities for the board. Tracking on the line items is good.
(See below for approval motion)

Action on Bills: Marcell was comfortable with the bill package presented. Of note was the sponsorship of the three-day Art of Surfing Festival and author event. The process of book acquisitions was explained by Mahar in response to a request from Marcell. Reference updates are expensive and purchased regularly. The collection was recently weeded.
A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Brian Broadley and seconded by Ron Denney. All present were in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report and all present were in favor by roll call to pay the bills.

President's Report: There is no update on the historical museum project. There was a brief discussion on the consensus of the Board regarding this proposal. Costs, control, and staffing would need to be evaluated. Currently, three library employees hold archivists' degrees.
There are two proposals in hand for the Strategic Plan prep with one more needed. It should arrive in time for a vote at next month's meeting at which time a committee will be formed.
There is no update on the Library Construction Bond Act as it is still in the "Public Comment" phase until August 30.
President Shirk predicts a big turnout for the Autumn Author Luncheon.

Director's Report: Director Mahar reported on the interest rates of library accounts. Some discussion was prompted by Marcell who suggested that consolidation might yield a better flow of funds. Mahar will report back on this topic after meeting with Glen Master and Frank Donato.
Statistics to be provided after the summer has ended.

Communications/Correspondence: N/A

Friends and Volunteers Report: N/A

Building Issues: N/A

Old Business: A. Security Update- Mahar is in ongoing discussions with the City and OCPD regarding security for the entire facility inside and out. It is preferred that the facility is protected by part-time guards and

the OCPD rather than contracting with an agency. Mahar reviewed recent incidences that occurred at the library reinforcing the need for this service. A site assessment is underway. The need for many cameras was emphasized. It is hoped that the security plan will be in effect and operational by January 2020.

B. Interest Rates of Library Accounts (see Director's Report)

New Business: A. Library Card Pricing- The board considered a patron request to offer a senior discount for a non-resident card. After some discussion, the topic was tabled to allow more thought.

Public Comment: Ron Denney remarked on the success of the Book Sales.

Authorization to Enter Executive Session to Discuss Personnel Matters: Tabled.

Adjournment: Ron Denney moved to adjourn at 4:45pm with a second from Brian Broadley. All present were in favor.