

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES-Board Meeting May 11, 2015

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPML: Notice of this meeting was posted in the City Clerk's office and was advertised in the January 21, 2015 Ocean City Sentinel and in the January 17, 2015 Atlantic City Press, 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 4:01pm.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Brian Broadley moved to approve the April 2015 minutes with one change to the attendance portion. Fred Marcell's attendance via telephone was noted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Pritchard. All present were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Broadley reviewed the current assets and liabilities of the library and reported that all was within limits for the first third of the year. Fred Marcell requested clarification on the origin of donations. One bill was mistakenly made out to Karen Mahar that was meant for Yianni's. Corrective procedures have been taken.

ACTION ON THE BILLS: Mr. Batastini moved to approve and pay the bills with a second from Mr. Marcell. A roll call found all in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mrs. Shirk began her report by clarifying her comments at the recent Author Tea regarding complaints about the cessation of Pops' programs at the library. She has been notified by the City of O.C. that it is not the library's right to have the Pops at the library. It is a city-owned "division" and they alone have the authority to allow and/or schedule performances.

The public was invited to stay should they still want to voice their thoughts on the subject during the appropriate portion of the meeting.

The bookmobile "roll-out" on April 15 was a success and received positive media coverage.

Mrs. Shirk informed members of the NJ Library Trustee Association Webinar series and reminded members that 7 hours training per year total per the entire board is required. This educational means would be acceptable in allowing them to meet this requirement.

"Fairness in Taxes" has submitted an OPRA request on the bookmobile and the information is being provided as quickly as possible. Mrs. Shirk and Director Mahar will be attending an upcoming FIT meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mrs. Mahar began her report noting that the library recently hosted a successful meeting of "U.S. Communities" in cooperation with the City's purchasing agent, Joe Clark. The group offers purchasing solutions for public entities/facilities along with an e-commerce marketplace. Interviews have begun for a Librarian to schedule the programming for the library.

The Director also reported that she has had a meeting with senior staff members to clarify work flow and duties.

Attorney Barse sent a letter to the PT CWA regarding contract negotiations with no response to date.

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE: President Shirk distributed media articles regarding the bookmobile.

FRIENDS & VOLUNTEERS REPORT: Sandy Crescenzo thanked Mrs. Shirk and Mrs. Mahar for their public acknowledgment of the group at recent events and also thanked library staff member, Kevin Bligh, for his presentation at the group's monthly meeting.

She reported that their “Creative Learning Project” is underway with 8 facilitators and 2 workshops. They have partnered with the schools for this endeavor and plan on contacting families involved later in the month.

The Annual Author luncheon has been planned for October 8, 2015.

BUILDING ISSUES: Steve Longo has spoken to Karen Mahar about remaining work to be completed. Members questioned progress on signage. Jim Mallon reassured that the City is taking care of it.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. By-Laws Amendment – Attorney Barse explained the proposition regarding the payment of bills between meetings and the addition of a signer for bills. After some discussion, Mr. Batastini moved to approve the changes in the By-laws by the addition of One (1) signer of bills (the Vice-President) and removing the word “increment” from the proposed changes regarding the ability of the board to approve customary payments between meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Denney and a roll call found all present in favor. A revised copy is to be sent to all members.

- B. Bookmobile Update- Mrs. Clarke reported that the bookmobile has participated successfully in two City events to date. Pictures are to be posted to social media and regular media venues. It was established that a waiver must be signed by persons in pictures before their use. An advertisement will be placed soon for a driver. Discussion revealed that the vehicle’s value and service must be clear. A fact sheet shall be prepared addressing these issues for distribution at events.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Banking- Mr. Marcell reported that banking is currently handled by TD Bank. He has spoken with City Financial Officer, Frank Donato, as well as the Library’s Director, Assistant Director, and Accountant. He is scheduled to meet with a regional representative from TD Bank next week. He will report back at the next meeting on current status of banking procedures.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Many persons expressed concern and disappointment regarding the cancellation of the Pops performances at the Library including members of the Board of Directors for the Pops, Vice-Chair of the Friends of the Pops, and a member of the Trustees of the Pops. A Library Board member expressed the sentiment that a City Division should not be acted upon by the Library Board. The City’s Jim Mallon reassured those present that communication will be on-going to find a suitable solution for all.

ADJOURNMENT: Jon Batastini moved to adjourn with a second from Jennifer Shirk at 4:56 p.m. All present were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Ron Denney, Secretary