

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on October 15, 2024

Call to Order: Shirk called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

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 12, 2023. The annual schedule of meetings was advertised in the January 03, 2024, Ocean City Sentinel and the January 06, 2024, 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, Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden, Mike Dattilo, Ron Denney, Christian Angelillo, Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Cowden to approve the minutes from the September 2024 meeting with a second from Marcell. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report noting that State Aid will be received soon. There was an unusual amount of donated funds received this year and any re-allocations needed between line items will be done in November. (See motion below)

Action on Bills: Nothing unusual of note.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Marcell and seconded by Cowden. The motion passed with all present in favor of accepting the report and approval for the bills with all present in favor by roll call vote.

New Business: A. Audit Presentation: Lara Roman reported that there were no audit findings and the report has been filed with the state. In response to a question from Shirk, it was clarified that resolutions for donations are only required if the donation is restricted, not for general donations.

B. Res. Approving Audit: Marcell moved to approve the 2023 Audit. With a second from Pritchard, the motion passed with all present in favor by roll call.

C. Res. Accepting the Wetlands proposal: Dattilo moved to approve the resolution accepting the Wetlands Proposal for January through June 2025. The motion passed with a second from Denney and all present in favor by roll call.

President's Report: Monthly wellness meetings continue with the City. A meeting was held with the architect for the second floor reno project. The project, to be done in phases, should go out for bid in early Spring and has an anticipated 10-month duration for completion.

Director's Report: Mahar reviewed programming including a Halloween Fest and an author visit to be held at the Hughes PAC. She invited the Chamber members to a presentation to be held by the ACCC Advisory Committee on which she holds a seat. Mahar commended the library staff for their performance during the recent closing for HVAC repairs.

A. Personnel: A part time employee for the computer center has been hired at \$15.13/hour to replace an employee who retired.

B. Bookmobile: There were over 300 visits during the Block Party.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: Over 300 persons attended the successful Autumn Author Luncheon. Over \$700 was earned at the Block Party, over \$200 on the Dollar Cart and 75 baby bags were delivered to SMC. Reading clubs began and the writing workshop at the OCIS has been re-scheduled for November. New officers will be voted upon in November and two \$1500.00 scholarships have been established for candidates at OCHS.

Old Business: A. 2nd Floor Reno Update: No revised plans are available to date. In response to a question from Marcell, it was noted that the earliest start date would be Winter 2025.

Public Comment: Aiden Nunan offered compliments on retired computer center employee, Frank Sheldon. He urged Library management to investigate enforcement of time limits in the computer center.

Adjournment: Marcell moved to adjourn at 4:44pm with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.