

## OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**August 10, 2023**

President Meredith Gadsby called to order the regular meeting at 5:04 p.m. Roll call: Melissa Stalnaker, Phyllis Yarber Hogan, Marcia Peterson, Megan Newson, Lili Sandler, and Meredith Gadsby were present. Bethany Baker arrived later, as noted. Also present were David Fausnaugh, Director, Kristin Cioffi, Fiscal Officer, and members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION none

### MINUTES

Peterson moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-23-8-1, approving the minutes of the July 13, 2023 regular meeting and the July 10, 2023 Policy Review Committee meeting. Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

### DONATIONS

Newson moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-23-8-2, accepting the following donation:

- \$57.87 from the Friends of OPL

Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

### FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Cioffi reviewed the July 2023 financial reports (Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Bank Reconciliation). Cioffi reported that the library received an Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for 2023 and reviewed revenue projections for 2024. Stalnaker moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept Resolution # R-23-8-3, accepting the July 2023 Financial Reports. Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

PERSONNEL none

### OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion regarding placing the library's 1.5 mill levy on the March 19, 2024 ballot and the costs associated with the election. Hogan moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept Resolution # R-23-8-4, instructing the County Auditor to take the costs associated with being on the ballot out of the Library funds (actual resolution attached). Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

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Baker arrived at 5:14 p.m.

Discussion continued regarding the term for the library's 1.5 mill levy. The consensus was to place the levy on for a term of 10 years. Newson moved, seconded by Baker, to accept Resolution # R-23-8-5, to request the City of Oberlin to put a 1.5 mill renewal levy for a term of 10 years on the March 19, 2024 ballot (actual resolution attached). Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

### NEW BUSINESS

Fausnaugh reported that there is a Mission and Values statement in the back of the Board packet. Fausnaugh noted that there is not any action needed at this time, but asked the Trustees to look it over because it will be addressed at a future meeting. Peterson commented that she likes the emphasis on collaborative efforts and championing employees. Sandler commented that she likes the bullet point about diversity of resources. Hogan expressed surprise that books or reading were not mentioned in the statement. Fausnaugh replied that he would work on adding that for next month. Fausnaugh asked the Trustees to reach out if they had any additional comments.

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fausnaugh reported that after last month's talk about statistics, he had a good conversation with Kriana Bell and Stephanie Jones about The Bridge and the Backspace reports. They gave Fausnaugh an overview of why they report what they do. Fausnaugh noted he is looking to shift what is reported and include more stories. Fausnaugh reported that ten kids signed up for the digital literacy camp this month. Fausnaugh reported that the State Library of Ohio is ready to start working on strategic planning for the library. Fausnaugh will talk to the State Library to see if there is anything new in the process. Fausnaugh commented that Summer Reading went really well this year. Patron sign-ups and completion increased over previous years, and staff members expressed excitement for Summer Reading.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Aliza Weidenbaum (99 South Cedar) expressed a preference to the new mission statement over the old one. Weidenbaum likes the idea of listing the various material types in the statement. Weidenbaum commented that the statement should promote access to information that is worldly and should be accessible to everyone.

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Jan Thorton (582 Beech Street) asked if the Board packets could be printed double sided. Fausnaugh replied that they would be in the future.

Baker moved, seconded by Sandler, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Stalnaker, Hogan, Peterson, Newson, Sandler, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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President

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Attest