

OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

July 13, 2023

President Meredith Gadsby called to order the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Phyllis Yarber Hogan, Melissa Stalnaker, Lili Sandler, Marcia Peterson, Meredith Gadsby, and Bethany Baker were present. Megan Newson was absent. Also present were David Fausnaugh, Director, Kristin Cioffi, Fiscal Officer, and members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Aliza Weidenbaum (99 South Cedar) commented about a recent experience reserving a computer for a Zoom meeting at The Bridge. Weidenbaum noted a working camera and microphone were not available. Weidenbaum commented that The Bridge should be able to improvise with space and computers as needed.

Victoria Hart (27 ½ East College) commented that she sent the trustees emails about Fausnaugh. Hart expressed disappointment with Fausnaugh in regards to his lack of response to emails and phone calls regarding the Chicken Hatching program held at the library. Hart commented that she felt that Erin Shiba's comments at the May 11, 2023 meeting were not accurately reflected in the meeting's minutes. Hart asked what the purpose of the program was, noting that she doesn't feel it follows the library's mission statement.

Gadsby commented that the Chicken Hatching program's purpose was educational. Gadsby thanked Hart for the information she shared with the Trustees. Gadsby expressed her support of Fausnaugh and the staff. Gadsby commented that it seems that most of the concerns about the program are coming from people outside of the community, and she would be interested in hearing more from others in the community. Gadsby commented that she disagrees that Fausnaugh is disregarding concerns about the program.

MINUTES

Baker moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept Resolution # R-23-7-1, approving the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Records Commission meeting and regular meeting. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Cioffi reviewed the May and June 2023 financial reports (Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Bank Reconciliation). Cioffi noted expenditure and revenue percentages are appropriate. Cioffi reported that the 2024 Budget Request was submitted to the County Auditor, and the Ohio Historical Society and the Ohio Auditor of State approved the changes to the library's Records Retention Schedule. Stalnaker moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept

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Resolution # R-23-7-2, accepting the May and June 2023 Financial Reports. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

PERSONNEL

Fausnaugh reported on personnel changes. Peterson moved, seconded by Hogan, to accept Resolution # R-23-7-3, approving the following personnel changes:

- Separation of Circulation Clerk Alim Wilkins effective 5-12-2023
- Appointment of Circulation Clerk Claire Wolfson effective 5-8-2023
- Appointment of Circulation Clerk Annie Wyner effective 5-22-2023

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

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Fausnaugh reported that the Policy Review committee met earlier in the week and started reviewing a draft of the policies. Once the committee has finished the review process, the policies will be brought before the full Board for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Fausnaugh reported that the library's 1.5 mill levy will be expiring and explained the process for placing a renewal on the ballot.

Baker moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-23-7-4, requesting the county auditor to certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library and the dollar amount that would be generated by a 1.5 mill renewal levy placed on the March 19, 2024 ballot for a five-year term. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

Baker moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-23-7-5, requesting the county auditor to certify to the Board the total current tax valuation of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library and the dollar amount that would be generated by a 1.5 mill renewal levy placed on the March 19, 2024 ballot for a ten-year term. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

Baker moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-23-7-6, requesting the county auditor to certify to the Board the total current tax

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valuation of the territory served by the Oberlin Public Library and the dollar amount that would be generated by a 1.5 mill renewal levy placed on the March 19, 2024 ballot for a continuing term. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

Fausnaugh asked the Board to approve closing the library on October 9, 2023 to perform IT updates and hold a staff development day. Hogan moved, seconded by Stalnaker to accept Resolution # R-23-7-7, approving closing the library on October 9, 2023 to perform IT updates and hold a staff development day. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fausnaugh reported that Public Services Team Member Miles Samson worked very hard on creating the new logo for OPL. The logo is displayed in the Director's written report. Fausnaugh noted that he is very happy with the logo, and it will allow the library to have lots of options for branding. Fausnaugh reported that the library will be getting new library cards with the logo on them.

Fausnaugh reported on the activities of the library's safety committee. Gadsby asked if the committee has developed a response for violence in the library. Fausnaugh confirmed the committee is working on one. Peterson asked if Narcan has been part of their discussions. Fausnaugh replied that it has not been, yet, but may be in the future.

Fausnaugh thanked the Friends of OPL for their support, noting that the Summer Reading program would not be possible without them.

Fausnaugh noted that the monthly statistics are in the report. Fausnaugh discussed his thoughts on statistics, noting that it can be hard to report the value that programming brings through statistics. Additional discussion on statistics and programming followed.

Peterson moved, second by Stalnaker to accept Resolution # R-23-7-8, thanking the Friends of OPL for their generous donations to the library's Summer Reading Program (totaling over \$950.00). Peterson noted the Board of Trustees' deep appreciation of the ongoing work and support of the Friends of OPL, especially their support of the Summer Reading Program and library beautification efforts. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

David Ashenhurst (260 Sumner Street) commented that although he uses the library extensively, he doesn't always check out materials for his usage to be reflected by statistics. Ashenhurst commented that ad hoc means a temporary committee, and thus the Policy Review committee meeting should be posted and have minutes. Fausnaugh responded that the meeting was posted on the bulletin board, and the minutes are being prepared and will be available when completed.

Victoria Hart (27 ½ East College) commented that there were local responses regarding the Chicken Hatching program, but Fausnaugh did not respond to them. Hart noted that she has posted about the program locally, and the environment has become very hostile. Hart reported that she has filed menacing reports at the police department regarding harassment. Hart commented that she doesn't know how the Board can be okay with animal cruelty. Hart commented that a vigil for the chickens is being planned at Tappan Square.

Baker moved, seconded by Sandler, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Hogan, Stalnaker, Sandler, Peterson, Gadsby, Baker, ALL AYES. The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

President

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