

OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 9, 2023

President Meredith Gadsby called to order the regular meeting at 5:03 p.m. Roll call: Marcia Peterson, Melissa Stalnaker, Phyllis Yarber Hogan, Bethany Baker, Lili Sandler, and Meredith Gadsby were present. Megan Newson was absent. Also present were David Fausnaugh, Director, Kristin Cioffi, Fiscal Officer, and members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Erin Shiba (139 East Lorain) commented that she attended the Oberlin Community Forum on Equity. Shiba noted that in the group she participated in, The Bridge and the library were regarded as assets to the town and to equity.

MINUTES

Cioffi reviewed two revisions that were made to the minutes after the Board meeting packet was sent out. Baker moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept Resolution # R-23-3-1, approving the minutes of the February 9, 2023 regular meeting, as amended. Roll call vote: Peterson, Stalnaker, Hogan, Baker, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Cioffi reviewed the February 2023 financial reports (Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Bank Reconciliation). Cioffi noted that the Appropriation Status report displays Permanent Appropriations as approved at the February meeting. Stalnaker moved, seconded by Peterson, to accept Resolution # R-23-3-2, accepting the February 2023 Financial Reports. Roll call vote: Peterson, Stalnaker, Hogan, Baker, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

PERSONNEL none

OLD BUSINESS

Fausnaugh reported that the library moved forward with joining the Ohio Digital Library, as discussed at the February meeting. The transition is scheduled for March 27th, and information will start being pushed out to patrons next week. Hogan asked how the transition will affect current users. Fausnaugh explained that once the transition is complete, the old site will direct users to the new site to log in.

Fausnaugh reported that the management team is making progress on reviewing library policies. Fausnaugh noted that the policies will likely be ready to start being reviewed by the Board in April or May. Fausnaugh asked the Board to think about if they would like to create an ad hoc committee or use an existing

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committee to review the policies. Discussion on the review process will continue next month.

NEW BUSINESS none

Baker reported she is considering attending OLC's Trustee dinner on May 4th in Independence. Stalnaker reported that OLC Legislative Day is on April 26th at the Statehouse, and she thinks it is important for a library representative to attend.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fausnaugh reported on House Bill 1, noting that it would have an impact on assessed property tax and rollback. The bill is currently in the collecting testimony phase and is something to monitor. Fausnaugh noted that it could be a while before there is any action on the bill. Peterson reported that House Bill 12 is currently in committee and could really change freedom of education and information in Ohio.

Baker moved, second by Peterson to accept Resolution # R-23-3-3, to accept the following gift:

- A 50-copy per month subscription to *Bookpage* from the Friends of OPL

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

Gadsby commented that she is excited that the library is replacing its copy machines. Stalnaker asked about creating library emails for Board members. There was some discussion, and the consensus was that Board members would continue using their current email addresses. Baker noted that the library also had an open records email. Fausnaugh explained the use and purpose of the open records email to the Trustees.

Fausnaugh noted that the statistics for the library and The Bridge are at the end of the packet, and it's nice to see usage up. Fausnaugh reported that Backspace has done a good job of engaging with the schools, and visits are up.

Gadsby reported attending the Oberlin Community Forum on Equity, as well. Gadsby noted that The Bridge's hotspot lending program came up. Gadsby will reach out to the meeting leaders to see if they will share some of the information that came out of the meeting with the library.

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Peterson moved, seconded by Baker, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Peterson, Stalnaker, Hogan, Baker, Sandler, Gadsby, ALL AYES. The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

President

Attest