

OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

February 8, 2024 Regular

President Meredith Gadsby called to order the regular meeting at 5:00 p.m. Roll call: Phyllis Yarber Hogan, Megan Newson, Melissa Stalnaker, Marcia Peterson, and Meredith Gadsby were present. Bethany Baker and Lili Sandler were absent. 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-24-2-1, approving the minutes of the January 11, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Peterson, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Fiscal Officer Cioffi reviewed the January 2024 financial reports (Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Bank Reconciliation). Cioffi reported that she had completed all the necessary financial filings for 2023 and that the library will be audited this year for 2022-2023. Cioffi noted that the ballot language for the upcoming renewal levy has been finalized. Stalnaker moved, seconded by Hogan, to accept Resolution # R-24-2-2, accepting the January 2024 Financial Reports. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Peterson, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

PERSONNEL none

OLD BUSINESS

Gadsby reviewed the final status of the lawsuit. Stalnaker moved, seconded by Newson, to accept Resolution # R-24-2-3, retroactively authorizing the Board President and Lorain County Prosecutor or their designee to sign documents relating to pending or completed litigation. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Peterson, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

NEW BUSINESS

Peterson moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-24-2-4, accepting a donation in the amount of \$1,348.24 from George Bowers in memory of Jeanne Pease. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Peterson, Gadsby, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fausnaugh reported that the library used the donation from George Bowers to purchase a bench with a plaque in memory of Jeanne Pease for the patio. Fausnaugh noted that long term, he may look at revamping the library's space and signage near Main Street and may consider moving the bench there at that time.

Fausnaugh reported that there is a lot going on at The Bridge and the library for Black History Month, and he gave an overview of various activities and events. Fausnaugh reported that the library is transitioning to a new online room booking system that will allow patrons to see room availability and request meeting room space online. Fausnaugh reported that the Oversized book collection was moved to the back section of magazine shelving, allowing the books to be displayed facing out. Fausnaugh noted that the Friends of OPL did some work in the lobby, installing display units to hold withdrawn materials for patrons to take with a suggested donation. Fausnaugh noted that 2024 statistics are included in the packet.

Peterson asked if any consideration has been given to possibly converting the patio into a 3-season room. Fausnaugh replied that the library would need to cut down trees to be able to convert the patio, but it was something to think about.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION none

Newson moved, seconded by Peterson, to adjourn. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Peterson, Gadsby, ALL AYES. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

President

Attest