

OBERLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

April 11, 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, and Meredith Gadsby were present. Marcia Peterson arrived just after the roll call. Lili Sandler and Bethany Baker arrived during Public Participation. Also present were David Fausnaugh, Director, Kristin Cioffi, Fiscal Officer, and members of the public.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Victoria Hart (27 ½ East College Street) spoke and expressed her displeasure that despite not holding a chick hatching program this year, the library will not commit to never holding another chick hatching program in the future.

Tonia Comfort (Wolf Court, Elyria) echoed Hart's sentiments and spoke about why she was against the chick hatching program held at the library last year and feels another program should never be held again.

MINUTES

Peterson moved, seconded by Sandler, to accept Resolution # R-24-4-1, approving the minutes of the March 14, 2024 regular meeting. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Gadsby, Peterson, Sandler, Baker, ALL AYES; Stalnaker, ABSTAINED.

MOTION PASSED

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Fiscal Officer Cioffi reviewed the March 2024 financial reports (Fund Status, Revenue Status, Appropriation Status, and Bank Reconciliation). Cioffi reported that the library received the missing PLF check from February and that going forward, the PLF check will be deposited via ACH. Cioffi reported on PLF revenues, property tax revenues, upcoming continuing education, and the 2022-2023 audit. Baker moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-24-4-2, accepting the March 2024 Financial Reports. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Gadsby, Peterson, Sandler, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

Fausnaugh reviewed the details of a donation received from Susan Egloff. Hogan moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-24-4-3 accepting a donation of \$6,850.15 from Susan Egloff. Roll call vote: Hogan, Newson, Stalnaker, Gadsby, Peterson, Sandler, Baker, ALL AYES.

MOTION PASSED

PERSONNEL

Fausnaugh reported the separation of Backspace Coordinator Kriana Bell, noting that Bell expressed gratitude for her time at OPL. Fausnaugh does not plan to fill

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the position at this time. Fausnaugh answered questions from the Trustees about the Backspace services and not filling the position. Baker moved, seconded by Stalnaker, to accept Resolution # R-24-4-4, accepting the following employment change:

- The separation of Backspace Coordinator Kriana Bell effective 4/5/2024

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

MOTION PASSED

OLD BUSINESS none

NEW BUSINESS

Stalnaker mentioned reading that the Nord Family Foundation was planning on giving the building formerly occupied by OCS to a charitable organization. Stalnaker asked if the library should consider applying and moving The Bridge and Backspace there. There was discussion among the Trustees regarding the idea.

Gadsby commented that she recently attended a virtual event held at the library by the Oberlin African-American Genealogy and History Group. Gadsby noted that the information covered was very relevant, and she wanted to recognize the group for this event. Hogan noted that the group has worked at the library since its inception.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Fausnaugh reported that the PLA Conference went well, and that the feedback from the managers was positive. While in Columbus, the managers also toured the Bexley Public Library and the Liberty Branch of Delaware County District Library to get ideas as they re-evaluate services at OPL.

Gadsby commented that she heard the Edible Book event was wonderful. There was some discussion about the event. Gadsby commented that it is amazing that the library's levy passed by 76% of the vote. Gadsby noted that she is happy the community continues to support its library.

Fausnaugh reported that he and Youth Services Team Leader Amanda Guttman attended the Bill Long Foundation's annual meeting and spoke about a grant request for sensory materials. The library's request was approved. Fausnaugh explained that the library will be partnering with Connecting for Kids in the fall for programming. The grant will be used to purchase sensory materials similar to

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those used by Connecting for Kids, so patrons will have access to similar materials when Connecting for Kids is not at the library.

There was some discussing regarding the results of the levy and trends among the voters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Gadsby noted that both members of the public used their three minutes of participation up during the first Public Participation session. Hart protested, noting that in the past she was able to speak at both the beginning and end of the meeting.

Newson moved, seconded by Hogan, to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

President

Attest