

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on August 14, 2023

Call to Order: Shirk called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Announcement of Compliance with OPML: Notice of this meeting was advertised in the January 11, 2023, Ocean City Sentinel and the January 12, 2023, AC Press, posted on the Library's website, on bulletin boards inside the library and in the City Clerk's office.

Attendance: Jennifer Shirk, Fred Marcell, Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden (4:09pm, briefly via ZOOM), Anne Guy, Ron Denney, Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Guy to approve the minutes of the July 2023 meeting with a second from Marcell. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report including a summary of the budget. (See below for approval motion)

Action on Bills: Pritchard reviewed the bills.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Denney and seconded by Guy. All present were in favor of the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and all present were in favor by roll call of paying the bills.

President's Report: Shirk presented a brief report and informed the board that Dave Winslow has been appointed to City Council and will no longer serve on the Library Board.

Director's Report: Mahar promoted the busy summer schedule of events and noted that the Community Café is open for business. She will meet with City and school officials and informed members that the library is a designated evacuation spot for the schools. The audit is complete. A meeting is planned with the Mayor to discuss plans for the Senior Center.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: The book sale is this weekend, August 18th & 19th. The Dollar Cart earned over \$700.00. The annual luncheon is scheduled for October 5th featuring author Pam Jenoff. Tickets will be available September 8th. Sixty bags were prepared for the first day of Kindergarten and twenty-five Baby Bags were delivered. There will be a writing workshop for 7th graders.

Building Issues: The City plans to replace stained ceiling tiles within the library.

Old Business: A. Second Floor Renovation: The expansion of the library footprint is to be investigated.

New Business: A. Res. Approving F&V Luncheon Partnership Money: Marcell moved to approve the resolution approving \$3,750.00 to the F&V in partnership for the 2023 Fall Author Luncheon with a second from Guy. All present were in favor.

B. Res. Approving New Legal Services Contract for 2023: Pritchard moved to approve the resolution approving new legal services for the rest of 2023 calendar year to the office of Stephen D. Barse, LLC with a second from Guy. All present were in favor.

Public Comment: Marcell presented an article regarding improved gun protection at school and would like similar for Community Center. The September meeting will be moved to Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

Adjournment: Denney moved to adjourn at 4:44pm with a second from Guy. All present were in favor.