Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on July 12, 2021

Call to Order: 4:05pm

Announcement of Compliance with OPML: Notice of this meeting was included in the Annual Schedule of Meetings that was approved by the Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020. The Annual Schedule of Meetings was advertised in the January 6, 2021 Ocean City Sentinel and the January 7, 2021 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, Ron Denney, Brian Broadley, Dr. Taylor, Anne Guy, Lauren Cowden, Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Guy to approve the minutes from the June 2021 meeting. They were accepted upon a second from Pritchard and finding all present in favor.

Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Connie Pritchard, Treasurer, reviewed the report. She noted the reimbursement for City services and the Return-To-Taxpayer figures. (See below for approval motion)

Action on Bills: A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills was made by Marcell and seconded by Denney. All present were in favor to accept the Treasurer’s Report and all present were in favor to pay the bills by roll call.

President’s Report: The Return-To-Taxpayer approval letter has been received. There is a workshop slated for 7/28 by the State Library regarding OPMA. Shirk noted that online events are being well-attended and it is good to see the tent in use.

Director’s Report: Mahar reviewed library usage statistics. Mahar announced that the library will again be charging for printing services and noted limits on CompCen printing. More than 50 pages will be sent to the Reference Desk where the queue can be monitored. The cash register is currently not being used. Ron Denney moved to approve re-instating the fees for printing at .15 per page and adding to the policy that 50+ pages will be sent to Reference for monitoring. The motion passed with a second from Guy and all present in favor. Allegretto thanked Mahar for assistance with the 7/3 event.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: The group is now accepting donations. A book sale is scheduled for 7/30 and 7/31 in the atrium. The Author Luncheon is scheduled for 10/7 at the Flanders featuring author, Pam Jenoff. The Dollar Cart will return when the cash register use begins.

Building Issues: HVAC problems persist in the old section of the library on both floors. PW is aware of the issue. An engineer is scheduled to look at the roof regarding leakage.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Because this is the last meeting to which Dr. Taylor will attend due to her retirement plans, Shirk made a presentation thanking Taylor for her respect and insightful comments throughout the years. She continued by thanking Taylor for her commitment to cooperative efforts and to the community after which she read a proclamation to the member who has been present since 2006. Mahar thanked Taylor for her guidance and support and noted their many accomplishments together. Denney expressed appreciation for Taylor’s assistance with Naval prospects. Taylor expressed her thanks and appreciation for the library and its mission. Refreshments followed.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Denney moved to adjourn at 4:45pm with a second from Broadley. All present were in favor.