

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on February 14, 2022

Call to Order: 4:04pm

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 13, 2021. The Annual Schedule of Meetings was advertised in the January 6, 2022 Ocean City Sentinel and the January 6, 2022 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 (entered remotely at 4:14pm), Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden, Anne Guy, Mike Allegretto. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Allegretto to approve the January 2022 minutes of the regular session with a second from Pritchard. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report reminding members that this is the temporary budget, and that this year's spending will increase from prior years due to the return to pre-pandemic situations. (See below for approval motion)

Action on Bills: The bills presented were usual with nothing of note.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Guy and seconded by Cowden. 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: Committee members remain the same as last year.
(Fred Marcell entered remotely at 4:14pm)

Director's Report: Preparations are being made for the return of indoor programming. Renovations on the outdoor area near the Senior Center are being done in hopes that it can be used for children's programs in the Spring and Summer. Mahar will attend a virtual training session for Library Directors. The City's purchasing agent has arranged a presentation on the state contract purchasing software, NJSTART, in the Library that will be attended by Mahar, Kathryn Brown, and Becky Greene. The Library will again be cooperating with the City on the OCCON scheduled for the first weekend in April. Mahar has been invited to participate on an advisory committee for ACCC in its efforts to develop their CMC campus further.

A. A part-time computer center position has been filled with an earning of \$13.50/hour.

Communications/Correspondence: Mahar received thanks for judging a spelling bee. Brown received thanks for sending books to The Shores. Various certificates of completion for online courses in which employees participated were presented. Various memorial donations were received.

Friends and Volunteers Report: There will be a Book Sale in March. The Author Tea is scheduled for May 5th. The Author Luncheon is scheduled for October 6th. The group will provide books for Read Across America but there will be no in-person readings.

Building Issues: Some bed bugs had been discovered but are under control and all affected areas were treated promptly. A new book drop has been received and the broken one has been discarded. A book drop has been placed near the Senior Center.

Old Business: None.

New Business: A. Resolution for the Operating Budget for 2022: Mahar noted the only change was to the auditor figure which changed from \$4100.00 to \$4500.00. The Return To Taxpayer figure is missing but will be input promptly upon the acceptance of this operating budget. Cowden moved to approve the resolution approving the operating budget for 2022 without the Return to Taxpayer figure with the stipulation that it will be

input as soon as possible after the acceptance of this operating budget with a second from Allegretto. All present were in favor by roll call.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Allegretto moved to adjourn at 4:29pm with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.