Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on July 10, 2023

Call to Order: Shirk called the meeting to order at 4:01pm.

Announcement of Compliance with OPML: Shirk welcomed retiring Broadley’s replacement Winslow and asked all to introduce themselves. Winslow presented a brief Bio of himself. 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, Dave Winslow, Anne Guy, Ron Denney (4:06pm), Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse. Shirk presented a proclamation to Broadley for his service.

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

Treasurer’s Report: Pritchard reviewed the report including a summary of the budget. Several items were at approximately 50%. (See below for approval motion)

Action on Bills: There was nothing of note in the bills following a brief explanation from Mahar for Winslow on what items are included in the City Reimbursement figure. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report and pay the bills was made by Cowden 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 attended the OCTC brunch where the Library was recognized for its partnership efforts. She also attended a Pops concert sponsored by the OCFPL. Preliminary plans for the second-floor renovations were briefly discussed. Shirk and Marcell noted the cleanliness of the Library, especially during busy times.

Director’s Report: Mahar promoted the busy summer schedule of events and noted the possibility of some persons parking overnight in the Center’s lot during key City events. The Library is looking to hire a part-time Library Assistant at $14.13/hour. The Bookmobile will be beginning visits to the playgrounds and the Primary School’s events.

Communications/Correspondence: Compliments to the Circ staff were received from patrons.

Friends and Volunteers Report: Sixty-two members attended the meeting of the group that has eighty-nine active members. The June Book Sale earned over 3K with the next one scheduled for August 18th & 19th. Paperbacks from 2012 are now being accepted as donations. The Dollar Cart earned over $500.00. The annual luncheon is scheduled for October 5th featuring author Pam Jenoff. Tickets will be available after Labor Day. An Eagle Scout will be making a small lending library for the Story Walk area. The group requested a “wish list” from the Library for post-construction.

Building Issues: The roofing project was slightly delayed by rain, but the expected completion date remains July 21, 2023. Mahar complimented PW for their responsiveness to HVAC problems and discussed replacement of the system with the architect. Members were brought up to date with the latest changes in the renovation project after which a brief discussion of needs and survey results ensued, including the possibility of swipe locks for safety on all doors.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Attorney Barse will be leaving his firm for a different position but will remain available for services should the Library so desire. A resolution would be needed.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Cowden moved to adjourn at 4:56pm with a second from Allegretto. All present were in favor.