

## **Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on February 10, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Shirk called the meeting to order at 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 09, 2024. The annual schedule of meetings was advertised January 09, 2025 by the Ocean City Sentinel and January 11, 2025 by the AC Press, posted on the Library's website, on bulletin boards inside the Library and in the City Clerk's office.

**Attendance:** Jennifer Shirk, Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden, Mike Dattilo, Christian Angelillo, Mike Allegretto, Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

**Approval of the Minutes:** A motion was made by Pritchard to approve the minutes from the January 2025 meeting with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pritchard reviewed the report noting that this was a partial budget.  
(See motion below)

**Action on Bills:** Nothing of note.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Dattilo and seconded by Cowden. The motion passed with all present in favor of accepting the report and approval for the bills with all present in favor by roll call vote.

**President's Report:** Committee lists were sent and Shirk had removed self from them to give other members a chance for the experience. Wellness committee meetings continue with a tentative roll-out scheduled for May. There are numerous programs and activities in the Library and the community organizations involved have combined efforts under the umbrella name, Ocean City Wellness Alliance. The logo has been developed and will be incorporated in branding.

**Director's Report:** Mahar is in process of completing paperwork for a P-Card through US Bank. Many events scheduled include Coffee with Cops, Winter Story Hour, and the OC CON in April. The Library will participate in the City sponsored Winter Warrior Competition and the Friends of the Pops will hold an Antique Appraisal Lunch at the Crab Trap. Certificates of completion of continuing education were presented as staff continues training.

**A. Personnel:** A part-time Library Assistant for the Circulation Department has been hired at \$15.49/hour.

**B. Bookmobile:** Repairs and "wrapping" of the vehicle have been scheduled with an anticipated return date in April or May.

**Communications/Correspondence:** Various general correspondence was presented mostly consisting of thanks to the staff and for library sponsorships.

**Friends and Volunteers Report:** The group offered payment for Bookmobile updates. A book sale is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. A request for financial support was requested for the Fall Author Luncheon. The first-floor closet will be used by the group and scholarships will be offered to OCHS students based upon essay submissions.

**Building Issues:** The fire wall is now functional. The fire doors will be replaced and must remain closed. Electrical power interruptions are being investigated.

**Old Business: A. Res. Approving Operating Budget for 2025:** Mahar reviewed the changes. There is an increase in appropriations. The Return-To-Taxpayer figure is still being waited upon but is anticipated to be higher than last year. A motion to approve the resolution approving an operating budget for 2025 with the RTT figure to be filled in later was made by Pritchard and seconded by Cowden. The motion passed with all present in favor by roll call vote.

**New Business:** None.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** Angelillo moved to adjourn at 4:39pm with a second from Shirk. All present were in favor.