

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on April 14, 2025

Call to Order: Shirk called the meeting to order at 4:08pm.

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, Fred Marcell, Lauren Cowden, Mike Dattilo, Mike Allegretto.

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

Treasurer's Report: Shirk reviewed the report and requested that the Return To Taxpayer amount be corrected on the report.

(See motion below)

Action on Bills: There was nothing out of the ordinary. Large bills included a quarterly check to the City for benefits, a Wetlands program, and firewall products.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Marcell and seconded by Cowden. All present were in favor.

President's Report: Shirk reminded members that the financial disclosure reports are due by the end of the month. OC CON enjoyed great attendance. The First Aid seminar presented in cooperation with the OCFD and St. Damien's was successful and Shirk would like to see it repeated throughout the year. The Wellness Alliance will host a kick-off event on Sunday, May 4 with multiple wellness presenters, Yoga programs, and more. The branded programming initiative will be presented at a City Council meeting on April 24th.

Director's Report: Many wellness programs continue including "Lunch and Learn". Information gathered from the focus groups is being compiled for use in the preparation of the Strategic Plan. The Library co-sponsored a "Blue Envelope" project benefitting autistic drivers and will be highlighted at a program introducing the Sensory Program at SMC. Mahar has tickets available for the upcoming Chamber "Working Woman" lunch and the "Author Dessert Tea". The Library will be hosting an Art Showcase Reception in May and will be participating in a Health Expo in June.

A. Personnel: None.

B. Bookmobile: Repairs continue.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: The Author Tea is scheduled for May 1 featuring founder of the "Funny Farm", Laura Zaleski. A donation box benefitting the "Funny Farm" will be available. Fifteen applications for the scholarship have been received and are under review.

Building Issues: Current leaks are being treated and investigated by PW. Mahar reviewed the latest updates to the second-floor renovation project. New space rather than a rehab is preferred. After much discussion it was decided that the short- and long-term goals will be determined, after which word will be awaited from the City on how and when to proceed.

Old Business: Allegretto thanked the Library for all the help in presenting the OC CON.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Cowden moved to adjourn at 5:05pm with a second from Marcell. All present were in favor.