

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on August 11, 2025

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

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, Dr. Pritchard, Lauren Cowden, Mike Dattilo, Anne Guy (zoom), Mike Allegretto. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

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

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report. She remarked that it was positive to see the Conference line item being utilized to which Mahar responded that ALA was held in Philadelphia this year with many staff members in attendance. Donations were markedly large due to a specification in an obituary.
(See motion below)

Action on Bills: Bills included payment for the Fall Author Luncheon to the F&V group, reimbursement to the City for employee benefits, annual software subscriptions, OCHM sponsorship, and approximately 6K for the audit. Bills to be included that did not appear on the list are as follows: Innovative Document Imaging, a reimbursement to Library employee (Bruesehoff), payment to Gotham Artist for a Community speaker, and a reimbursement to Board President Shirk for an online conference attendance fee.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the bills was made by Cowden and seconded by Marcell. All present were in favor by roll call with one abstention from Shirk.

President's Report: The audit is complete and will be distributed to the committee this week for discussion at next month's meeting. The school collaboration project will be reviewed at next month's meeting, as well. Shirk summarized information learned at the trustee conference and she plans on making a formal invitation to a community speaker event, along with Mahar, at the next school board meeting. A great article appeared in Shore Local regarding the Library's Bookmobile pop-up at Yianni's.

Director's Report: The audit is complete and there were no official findings. The Library allowed access to the museum during closing hours for a Beach Patrol Event. "Yarn Bombing" at the Story Walk is in the planning stages with a date TBA. The Local Author Festival will include a coordinated event with the Art Center. Many well-attended events continue at the Library including the upcoming OC Reads Author visit on October 18th.

A. Personnel: None.

B. Bookmobile: Attendance at the Bookmobile was 400+ at the latest Farmer's Market and National Night Out. Participation at events continues including Yianni's Pop-Up, the Baby Parade, and the Green Fair.

Communications/Correspondence: "Thank-you for sponsorships" were received from the Colony Club and OCTC.

Friends and Volunteers Report: A Book Sale will be held in the coming weekend. The group would like to know how many Library staffers will attend the Luncheon. There was a brief discussion for the need of additional chairs in the atrium.

Building Issues: Work continues with McLees.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Motion Authorizing the Library Board to Enter Closed Executive Session Under the NJOPMA for matters covered by the Attorney-Client privilege where no action is to take place.

Allegretto moved at 4:31pm to authorize the Library Board to Enter Closed Executive Session Under the NJOPMA for matters covered by the Attorney-Client privilege where no action is to take place. Cowden seconded and the motion passed with all present in favor.

Motion to Adjourn Closed Session and Return to Open Session: Allegretto moved to adjourn closed session and return to open session at 4:54pm with a second from Dattilo. All present were in favor.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Cowden and seconded by Allegretto at 4:55pm. All present were in favor.