

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

Call to Order: Pritchard called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

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, Anne Guy. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown.

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

Treasurer's Report: Shirk reviewed the report, noting that a payment of Half of the Return-to-Taxpayers amount has been paid to the City.

(See motion below)

Action on Bills: There was nothing out of the ordinary. A check to Aaron Bogushevsky was for sponsorship of the Art of Surfing Festival.

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 by roll call.

President's Report: A meeting was held with the architect regarding the second-floor renovations. Plans are hopeful for Fall with a return to the original concept. Pritchard will meet with school reps to discuss a potential collaboration and will seek answers to some pending questions regarding the project before returning to the Board with a proposal. Shirk will attend a one-day conference for Trustees presented by the ALA.

Director's Report: Mahar remarked that the audit is scheduled to begin and usually takes two days for completion. Programs have been packed including a magician and Beach Bashes on 14th Street. There was a ribbon-cutting for the new and improved Bookmobile and there are talks about it to collaborate with local coffee and food vendors. The adult reading challenge, Beanstack, has also officially begun. Our beloved, Wally Brown, has passed away. He was the very popular presenter of Monday Classic Movie Night. People have come forward who are willing to continue the event in honor of his absence. There is a Pops Luncheon at the Flanders on August 21st. Those seeking tickets may contact Mahar who participates on their Board.

A. Personnel: None.

B. Bookmobile: Stops include local playgrounds.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: An invoice was presented for partial payment for the fall author, Fiona Davis.

Building Issues:

Old Business:

New Business:

Public Comment:

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Marcell and seconded by Shirk at 4:40pm. All present were in favor.