

Library Board of Trustee Minutes from the Meeting on September 8, 2025

Call to Order: Pritchard called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

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, Anne Guy (zoom), Christian Angelillo, Mike Allegretto. Karen Mahar, Kathryn Brown, Steve Barse.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion was made by Angelillo to approve the regular and executive session minutes from the August 2025 meeting with a second from Cowden. All present were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Pritchard reviewed the report. State Aid usually arrives in October.
(See motion below)

Action on Bills: Bills included Fresh Cut who installs the holiday décor for the Community Center and a check to L. Giunta for a Big Band Concert performance.

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.

New Business: A. Audit Presentation: An audit was performed by Ford-Scott and Associates. There were no findings or recommendations. Internal Controls are operational indicating sound financial management. After a short Q&A, a resolution was presented.

1. Res. Approving 2024 Audit: A motion to accept the resolution was made by Marcell and seconded by Cowden. It passed with all present in favor by roll call.

B. OCSD SEA Proposal: Angelillo presented a proposed collaboration regarding Early Childhood Literacy resembling an "electives" type programming for students primarily for grades K-5. The vision for the proposal is to allow students exposure to more than traditional schooling and would be considered a "Launch Grant", to be piloted in Spring 2026, requiring Library input. The program is not intended to generate income nor be an annual request. The proposal will be tabled to give Barse time to investigate the legalities.

2. Res. Tabled. (Cowden exited approx.. 4:56pm)

C. OCFPL Banking Option: Marcell outlined the idea of changing financial institutions and the investigation to date. Sturdy Bank was selected based upon its local footprint and excellent reputation. Should accounts be opened at Sturdy, the current TD accounts would remain operational for approximately sixty days to allow for the transfer. Input from Glenn Master, the Library Accountant, is being sought.

3. Res. Wording to be updated. Tabled.

President's Report: Shirk complimented the Library's programming, especially on health-related topics. In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, Kevin Hines (speaker) will present on September 23rd to the community.

Director's Report: Multiple programs continue to be well-attended including National Read-A-Book Day and the OC Reads Author Presentation to be presented at OCHS. Summer Stats are forthcoming. Tickets are still available for the F&V Author Luncheon on October 9 at the Flanders. (Author: Fiona Davis) Kids Library Card Sign-Ups begin in November.

A. Personnel: None.

B. Bookmobile: Fall brings the start of visits to the Son Club, American Legion, and Bayview. It will also attend Back-To-School Nights. The Bookmobile is discouraged outside of the municipality.

Communications/Correspondence: None.

Friends and Volunteers Report: None.

Building Issues: None.

Old Business: None.

Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn was made by Angelillo and seconded by Allegretto at 5:16pm. All present were in favor.