

MINUTES
OCPL Board of Trustees' Meeting
March 20, 2024
Central Library, Board Room
4:00 p.m.

ATTENDING S. Edelstein B. Morgan-Baker
 J. Hurst-Wahl T. Mulvey
 E. Kochian C. Ondrako

ABSENT L. Fetyko M. Mahar

ALSO PRESENT D. Marmor A. Perrine
 R. Battelle S. Rorer
 J. Bleich K. Schellinger
 M. Carter A. Travis
 D. Dell T. Walters
 R. Maguire Y. Williams
 V. Massulik

WELCOME Mr. Edelstein called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA Mr. Kochian moved the consent agenda, which includes the amended minutes from the February 21, 2024 meeting.

Ms. Morgan-Baker seconded; motion passed unanimously.

**PRE-READS/
COMMENTS** Mr. Edelstein inquired if there were any comments from the Board regarding any of the pre-reads they received. He thanked Ms. Marmor and Ms. Battelle for their extra work on the reports.

Executive Director's Report:

Ms. Marmor talked about Legislator Maurice Brown's recent visit to the library and the tour she gave him. He was very impressed with everything. Mr. Edelstein thanked Ms. Marmor for giving Legislator Brown a tour. He talked about other types of outreach and partnerships with elected officials and across the County Legislature. He asked everyone to think of ideas and other ways to connect.

Ms. Marmor shared an update on Springshare. Ms. Massulik will be starting with Marcellus Free Library before moving to some of the larger libraries.

Ms. Marmor had a meeting with an associate from the Pomeroy Foundation who will be working with the Onondaga Historical Association on creating a series of short educational videos focusing on primary resources. They would like to film

in our public library and local history department. More information will be forthcoming.

Ms. Marmor reminded everyone that the State Annual Report will be voted on next month.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl asked about the Syracuse University educational partnership. Ms. Marmor specified that it is for full-time and part-time as well as undergraduate and graduate students.

Ms. Morgan-Baker inquired about the collaboration with Redhouse Arts Center. Ms. Marmor explained that a curated collection of library materials relating to the themes of the different shows performed there has been provided to them and is available for circulation. The books can be checked out during intermission and returned to any library. When tickets are purchased, an email is sent which also has information about the library and the books on display at Redhouse Arts Center.

Mr. Kochian suggested partnering with Redhouse Arts Center to do a Shakespeare project with urban students.

OTHER COMMENTS

Ms. Perrine mentioned she is looking for a Board member who might be interested in being a part of the Advocacy Task Force Committee starting in the Fall.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl asked for clarification on the Literacy section of the Member Services report.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl inquired about Reading Buddies.

Treasurer's Report:

Ms. Ondrako talked about the bank accounts.

FOCL Report:

Ms. Schellinger thanked everyone who went to the recent Author Program featuring Maria Hinojosa. She stated that the 30th Season will be announced on April 30, 2024

AI in the Libraries

Mr. Edelstein thanked Dr. Dell for his report "Unlocking the Potential of AI for OCPL". There was a short discussion on possible strategies for incorporating AI technology in different operations of the library and making it publicly accessible. Ms. Marmor felt getting staff on board is important and mentioned that a speaker is coming to speak about AI at the annual Staff Development Day.

DISCUSSION

Strategic Plan

Mr. Edelstein gave some updates on the Strategic Plan. Everyone completed the survey that was sent out as part of evaluating the 4 different pillars that help to support an organization. This along with other documents helps the consulting firm analyze where we are and then to focus on where we want to go during the rest of the strategic planning process. The formal work will start soon. This will

include more people in the process as well as discussion of the survey findings. Community surveys are being planned. Volunteering was encouraged.

Meeting with County Executive and Deputy County Executive

Mr. Kochian expressed the desire to get Petit Branch back on track. The County has agreed to Facilities meeting with the architects. Different financing options were discussed.

Four Trustees have been submitted to the Legislature for approval.

Mr. Kochian suggested bringing County programs into the library such as the Lead program or Public Health Nurses handing out books. The County Executive will consider the idea.

Mr. Kochian sought information regarding the County's position on certain issues to remain consistent with policy.

A short discussion followed regarding recent incidents in libraries involving cell phone filming by people that call themselves auditors.

Trustee Education Requirements – Amanda Perrine

Ms. Perrine reminded the Board Members of the annual 2-hour training requirement. She stated there are many opportunities to fulfill these requirements. Ms. Hurst-Wahl clarified that in addition to the 2 hours of training there is also mandatory Sexual Harassment and Prevention training which does not count toward the 2-hour training requirement.

OTHER

Ms. Hurst-Wahl suggested the following safeguards for the Board:

1. Library Polices – Need to be reviewed and updated.
2. Meeting Structure
3. Having a comment period

Mr. Edelstein asked Ms. Hurst-Wahl to make a list of recommendations.

Mr. Kochian detailed his impressions of his recent viewing of the movie "Right to Read".

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution: 24-05

Mr. Kochian moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application to the CLRC Eclipse grant in the amount of \$255 to fund a Solar Eclipse educational program at Petit Branch Library on March 30, 2024.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution: 24-06

Ms. Ondrako moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application to the CLRC Eclipse grant in the amount of \$255 to fund a Solar Eclipse educational program at Soule Branch Library on March 30, 2024.

Ms. Morgan-Baker seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution: 24-07

Ms. Morgan-Baker moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves the grant application to the Westcott Area Cultural Coalition (WACC) grant in the amount of \$800 to fund Petit Branch Library's hands-on art program series.

Ms. Hurst-Wahl seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

MOTION

Resolution 24-08

Mr. Kochian made the following motion:

Resolved, That the OCPL Board of Trustees approves to support the expenditure up to \$500, to cover the cost of refreshments for the Trustee Advisory Committee receptions taking place at the Onondaga Free Library and the Community Library of DeWitt & Jamesville.

Mr. Mulvey seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mulvey moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Morgan-Baker seconded.

Mr. Edelstein adjourned the meeting at 5:06p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

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