Meeting Minutes of the Board of Trustees of the Baright Public Library

Date November 21, 2024 Baright Public Library

Attendees: Melanie Bloom (Trustee), Sharon Medina (Trustee), Jim O’Donnell (Trustee), Edie Vaughn (Trustee), Amanda Peña (Library Director).

1. **Call to order.**  Meeting called to order by Melanie Bloom at 6:30 pm.
2. **Acknowledgment of the Open Meeting Law.** “This meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of that Act is posted on the Baright Public Library website”. Read by Melanie Bloom
3. **Agenda Approval.** Amended Minutes from September and October approved at November 21 Meeting. Motion to approve by Edie Vaughn and seconded by Jim O’Donnell. Approved unanimously.
4. **Approve minutes.** Sharon Medina moved to approve the minutes from the last board meeting; Edie Vaughn seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell and Edie Vaughn.
5. **Financial Report.** The board reviewed the financial report from October, 2024. There were no unusual expenses.
6. **Statistical Report.** The board reviewed the statistical report from October, 2024. Generally speaking, there were more decreases from September to October, but from October 23 to October 24 most figures were up.
7. **Strategic Plan Report.**

Library Services

1. *Provide educational and institutional support to the community for those lacking financial stability:*
   1. The Library partnered with Ralston School district and the City of Ralston for the Fall Fest event at the Granary Green on October 13. The library provided mini-pumpkins for children to decorate and a prize wheel.
2. *Assist an aging population with appropriate services and programs*
   1. Research Librarian Isabel Soto-Luna from UNO gave a presentation on how to spot fake news and AI for adults on October 24.
3. *Encourage a strong Ralston economy through promotion of Ralston as a place to live and do business.*
   1. Partnering with the Ralston Fire Departments, the library had a fire safety story time at the fire station on October 15.
   2. On October 23rd, the library partnered with local business Good Life Candle and Craft to provide a candle making class for adults.
4. **Technology:**

Nothing new

1. **Staff Development**:

Eva Ellefson, Mary Jurgens, and Angalina Clemson have resigned from their positions. We have started interviews for our Youth Services full-time position and plan to have them start in late November. We will be hiring for three bilingual Spanish Library Assistants to replace our other missing position. We want to have them in place by the end of November as well.

1. **Building Maintenance Report:**

Nothing new

11)  **Foundation Reports:**

The Foundation did not meet in November.

12) **Unfinished Business:**

New trustee recruitment

13) **New Business:**

None

14**) Public Comments.**

No comment.

15) **Announcements.**

We will not meet in December. Our next meeting will be on January 16.

16) **Adjournment.**

Sharon Medina moved to adjourn the meeting; Jim O’Donnell seconded. The motion passed with the following trustees voting aye: Melanie Bloom, Sharon Medina, Jim O’Donnell, Edie Vaughn. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.