

# Library Board Meeting Minutes

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024, 8:00 a.m.  
BENNETT MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY  
LINCOLN, NEBRASKA

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dan Sloan, Joe Shaw, Rhonda Seacrest, Lisa Hale, Jackie Ostrowicki, Morgan Gerteisen, Patty Beutler, Nichole Bogen arrived late. A quorum was present.

## CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSTING OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT

President Sloan called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. and announced the Open Meetings Law was posted and available for review.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Sloan noted that the Agenda/Meeting Notice was posted according to the Open Meetings Act of the State of Nebraska. Sloan asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as posted. Beutler so moved. Gerteisen seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Gerteisen, Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Public Comment.

## APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Sloan noted that the April meeting minutes had been distributed and asked for a motion to approve. Ostrowicki so moved. Gerteisen seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale, Beutler, Ostrowicki, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

## STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Committee on Administration

No report. Member Bogen arrived at this time.

### Committee on Finance

#### Approval of Monthly Recap of Expenditures for April 2024

Treasurer Ostrowicki shared that the Library's Operational Expenditures for April, 2024 were \$756,212.09, Expenditures from the Heritage Room Fund were \$2,404.55 and from the Polley Music Fund were \$9,3671.18 for Total Operational Expenditures of \$767,977.82. Total Expenditures from Grants were \$3,876.23, from Keno funds \$80,270.80 and from Misc. Library Donations \$3,663.71 for a Total of Expenditures of Other Funds of \$87,810.74. Grand Total Expenditures for April were \$855,788.56. Ostrowicki moved approval of the report. Hale seconded. There was no discussion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Beutler, Ostrowicki, Seacrest, Shaw, Sloan, Gerteisen, Hale – AYE. Motion carried 7-0.

## Committee on Buildings and Grounds

No report

## SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Foundation Executive Director Report

In Gail McNair's absence, Wieber shared that the Wine and Dine event last month was well attended, and this coming Monday, Memorial Day, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the top three One Book One Lincoln nominees will be announced at the Mill.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Financial Report: Cash Flow for Buildings & Grounds, and Media Budget vs. Actual

Accountant Ali Larson presented the report provided in the Board Agenda Packet and answered questions on the City's budget procedures and deadlines, the future of Keno funds and how Support Services balances the rising cost of downloadable materials against rising demand.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sloan reminded the board applications for the next Library Board Member are being accepted through the end of May.

## ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wieber welcomed Walt Branch Manager Jodene Glaesemann who has taken on the duties of Interim Assistant Director. Glaesemann reported on progress on current staff vacancies. Wieber shared that everyone, but particularly Bennett Martin and Gere are feeling a staffing pinch due to several vacancies. Glaesemann commended Office Specialist Heath Gewecke for his hard work filling the many open positions. Part-time staff are stepping up from all over the system to cover public service hours. She reported, most library jobs attract well over one hundred qualified applicants. She gave an overview of the 2024 Summer Reading Challenge plans including prizes and programming highlights, and shared details of collaborations with the Saltdogs, Pinewood Bowl and the Lied Center. Wieber commended the team who have worked together to make it all happen.

## LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Wieber reported progress on the new 5-year SirsiDynix contract. He shared there will be a pop-up book sale at Walt on Saturday, June 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and that plans for an August 17<sup>th</sup> opening of the Local History section at Bennett Martin are proceeding. He shared that the E. N. Thompson Forum is bringing author, Amy Tan to the Lied Center on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the library will coordinate books and programming with her visit. He shared some new hire information at the City including Chris Tribsch as Chief Communications Officer. Plans are being made to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Willa Cather's birth with a ceremony presenting the Cather statuette donated by Jeff Kirkpatrick and Glenda Pierce at Gere in September. Wieber shared that the disposition of the property adjacent to Bethany Library is with Urban Development and options for spillover parking for Bethany Branch use is being pursued.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.