

## Minutes of the Board of Trustees of Omaha Public Library

Present: Mike Meyer, President  
Carol Wang, Vice President  
Beverly Thompson  
Mike Kennedy  
Anna Hernandez-Valencia

Absent: Caitlin Davis, Secretary  
Lenora Isom  
Adrian Suarez-Delgado

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of Omaha Public Library was held on Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the A.V. Sorensen Branch Library, 4808 Cass St., Omaha, Nebraska. The Library certifies publication notice of the meeting in the Daily Record, the official newspaper of the City of Omaha, on April 13, 2016.

The A.V. Sorenson Branch Manager, Friends of the Library, Library Foundation and Library Director gave their reports before the meeting was called to order.

Meyer called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m. Roll was taken.

**Consent Agenda**

**MOTION** by Kennedy, seconded by Wang, to approve the item in the Consent Agenda. Yeas: Hernandez-Valencia, Kennedy, Thompson, Wang, Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

**Standing Committee Reports.**

**Finance and Facilities Committee.** The Committee had no report.

**Community Engagement Committee.** The Committee had no report.

**Reports**

Kennedy pointed out that Marlane had met with Millard Public Schools (MPS) superintendent. MPS is working on developing an innovation campus near 200<sup>th</sup> and 'Q' streets this could be a potential partnership opportunity between MPS and OPL. MPS also attended the stakeholder meeting for Connect Omaha and are also interested in that partnership.

**President's Report.** Meyer reported that, according to the by-laws, the Trustees must choose a President, Vice-President and Secretary at their June meeting. Meyer and Hernandez-Valencia are rotating off the board in June and Hutchings has moved out of the Omaha area. Meyer asked for the remaining six trustees to inform him of their nominations for these positions by next month's meeting.

Thompson expressed concern about moving Trustee meetings to 5pm. She stated that the Trustees find it hard to reach a quorum every month and some members never attend. Meyer clarified that the Marlane will be attending the Dot.Comm Oversight Committee meetings, which are at the same time as the Trustee meetings.

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Kennedy stated he was very happy to see Marlane becoming engaged with the City, and feels it is vital for her to attend both the Trustee and Dot.Comm meetings. The Oversight Committee consists of multiple City departments, so it would be very difficult for them to move their meeting, and easier for the Trustees to move theirs.

Thompson asked if the trustee can take a vote on this in July after the three new trustees start, she feels they should have a say in this decision too; Meyer agreed. Kennedy suggested the trustees try to make 5:00pm work for the May and June meetings. They can then re-group when the new trustees start in July.

### **Branch and Main Library Liaison Reports.** None

**Public Input, Comments and Questions.** Hernandez-Valencia attended the Beverly Cleary event at Millard Branch with her daughter; she felt this was a great event. Thompson attended the Connect Omaha meeting as a Trustee; she was very impressed that the Mayor, representatives of the City, and multiple public school districts were in attendance. It is amazing how much redundancy can be eliminated with this program. Wang attended Novel Affaire; she was excited to see standing room only for Tobias Wolff's presentation. Everyone she has spoken with was very impressed with the event.

**MOTION** by Hernandez-Valencia seconded by Kennedy, to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Trustees of Omaha Public Library at 4:35 p.m. Yeas: Hernandez-Valencia, Kennedy, Thompson, Wang, Meyer. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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Kyle Porter, Recording Secretary

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Caitlin Davis, Secretary