

**OMAHA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 19, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.
Saddlebrook Branch – 14850 Laurel Avenue



CALL TO ORDER

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 at the Saddlebrook Branch, 14850 Laurel Avenue (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:18 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary, took the Roll Call:

PRESENT: Mike Kennedy
Keegan Korf
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Secretary-Treasurer
Carol Wang, President
Laura Marlane, Executive Director, Omaha Public Library (Non-voting)

ABSENT: Keith Lutz
Jesse Sullivan, Vice President
Cecelia Creighton
Caitlin Davis

President Wang stated that there were not enough Board members present for a quorum; therefore, no actions will be taken until a quorum is recognized.

Meeting convened with Reports only.

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETING ACT

President Wang stated that the meeting is held in accordance with the [Nebraska Open Meetings Act](#), a copy of which is posted in the room. The Library certified [publication](#) of the meeting in the Daily Record, the Official Newspaper of the City of Omaha, on June 12, 2019.

BRANCH REPORT

3. [Saddlebrook Branch](#) – Katy Lofgren (Youth Services Librarian)

Katy Lofgren, Youth Services Librarian at the Saddlebrook Branch, appeared and spoke. She discussed events occurring at the Branch this summer.

ACTION ITEMS

4. [Approval of minutes – May 15, 2019](#)

Due to the lack of a quorum, this item will be taken up at the next Regular Meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

5. [Approval of nominations of Board officers](#)

Due to the lack of a quorum (and urgency), this item will be taken up at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

6. **[Approval of three \(3\)-day temporary closure of Saddlebrook Branch](#)**

Due to the lack of a quorum (and urgency), this item will be taken up at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

7. **[Approval of the 2020 budget request](#)**

Due to the lack of a quorum (and urgency), this item will be taken up at a Special Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

8. **[Finance Committee](#)** (Suarez-Delgado [Chair], Korf, Sullivan)

None.

9. **Facilities Committee** (Kennedy [Chair], Davis, Lutz)

None.

10. **Community Engagement Committee** (Wang [Chair], Creighton, *Vacant*)

None.

11. **Policy Committee** (Creighton, Korf, *Vacant*)

Korf stated that the Policy Committee has completed their review of OPL policies, and they have been forwarded to the City Law Department for approval as to form.

REPORTS

12. **[Friends of Omaha Public Library](#)** – Jeanne Spence (President)

Jeanne Spence, President of Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke. She stated that book sales are doing very well.

The Friends group does not meet in July or August.

Kennedy suggested that the Friends reach out to local teacher groups or associations to garner members and volunteers for the Friends.

13. **[Omaha Public Library Foundation](#)** – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke. She stated that Angie Thomas, the author of *The Hate U Give*, is headlining the Foundation's annual fundraising event on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 at the Institute for the Culinary Arts of the Metropolitan Community College Fort Omaha Campus. Mailings will go out soon and tickets are currently on sale. The Foundation is busy securing sponsors.

14. **Director's Report** – Laura Marlane (Executive Director)

Ms. Marlane, Executive Director of Omaha Public Library appeared and spoke. She stated that the 2020 budget meeting with the Mayor and City Finance went well and OPL has their budget number set. OPL received a total budget number 3.25% above the original target amount, covering everything needed by OPL and not having to make any cuts.

15. **Board President's Report** – Carol Wang (President)

President Wang stated that she and Ms. Marlane are interviewing, vetting, and getting proposals from design consultants. They hope to have this finished soon.

16. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Due to the lack of a quorum, President Wang adjourned the meeting at 5:45 P.M.

Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer