

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

Thursday, November 21, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M.  
Milton R. Abrahams Branch – 5111 North 90th Street



**CALL TO ORDER**

The Omaha Public Library Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at the Milton R. Abrahams Branch, 5111 North 90th Street (Omaha). President Wang called the meeting to order at 5:10 P.M.

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

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

**ABSENT:** Keith Lutz  
Adrian Suarez-Delgado, Vice-President  
Jesse Sullivan

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

Meeting convened with Reports only.

**CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION – NOTIFICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS 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 November 15, 2019.

**BRANCH REPORT**

3. **[Milton R. Abrahams Branch](#)**

President Wang gave a brief report on the Milton R. Abrahams Branch.

**ACTION ITEMS**

4. **[Approval of minutes – October 17, 2019](#)**

**Due to the lack of a quorum, this item will be taken up at the next Regular Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019.**

5. **[Res. 2019-10 Approval of renaming of internet room at W. Clarke Swanson Branch to “The Joseph Goecke Internet Room”](#)**

**Due to the lack of a quorum, this item will be taken up at the next Regular Meeting on Thursday, December, 19, 2019.**

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

6. **Finance Committee** – Korf (Chair), Sullivan, *Vacant*

None.

7. **Facilities Committee** – Kennedy (Chair), Lutz, *Vacant*

The Facilities Committee reminded everyone that there will be a Community Forum for the public to attend on Wednesday, December 4th from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Omaha Police Officer Association Union Hall, located at 13445 Cryer Avenue (Omaha).

8. **Community Engagement Committee** – Suarez-Delgado (Chair), President Wang, *Vacant*

A. **Adopt-a-Branch Assignments**

President Wang stated that branch assignments were distributed to all Board members. The goal is for each Board member to visit their assigned branch(es) at least once per quarter. They are to get in contact with the respective branch manager(s) and establish a relationship.

## **REPORTS**

9. **Friends of Omaha Public Library** – Jeanne Spence (President)

Jeanne Spence, President of the Friends of Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points in her report. Board members are invited to tour the Friends space at the W. Clarke Swanson Branch prior to the January 16 Board meeting.

10. **Omaha Public Library Foundation** – Wendy Townley (Executive Director)

Wendy Townley, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library Foundation, appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points in her report.

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

Laura Marlane, Executive Director of the Omaha Public Library, appeared and spoke. She highlighted key points in her report.

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

President Wang welcomed new Board member, Jen Rae Wang.

13. **Library Liaison Reports** – Library Trustees

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Due to the lack of a quorum, President Wang adjourned the meeting at 5:51 P.M.**

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Jenna L. Garcia, Recording Secretary

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Keegan Korf, Secretary-Treasurer