

Oregon Public Library

Board Meeting

September 21, 2023

Attendees: Rick Bunton, Martha Borher, John Young, Karly Spell, Randi Webb, Stephanie Nissen, Dominic Cozzi

Excused: Rae Brunner, Pam Steele

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm. Martha moved to approve the agenda, and Karly seconded. John moved to approve the consent agenda and Martha seconded.

Priority Announcements/Information sharing – Rick heard from Sharon Uslan from ENGIE who was asking for an update after the formation of the facilities/building committee. This topic has been tabled until a new director is established.

Director's Report: Dominic Cozzi was present to discuss the partnership with the library for intern Zac Garrett. Zac has been at the library for three years now. The transition course through the school helps students who may struggle with employment with getting hands-on training. Zac graduated last year and is getting hands-on work experience at the library this year in a grant-funded position. We hope in the future that he may have a more permanent position at the library if it fits within the budget.

State Farm has processed the claim from the April 4th storm and has issued checks to cover the cost of repairs to the roof and painting that was damaged.

All public computers have been upgraded to new machines running Windows 11. Patrons have commented on the extra space at the workstations.

A list of personnel policies that need to be updated was brought to the board.

President's Report - none. Treasurer's Report - none.

Old Business: Decennial committee will reconvene in 2024 once a new director is established and settled.

New Business: Budget hearing was held for the Budget and Appropriations Ordinance. This was sent to the library lawyer for review and everything was confirmed to look good. The entirety of the special reserves fund has been appropriated in case of emergencies. Randi motioned to approve the Budget & Appropriations Ordinance, and Karly seconded. The board took a voice vote with 5 ayes, 0 nays, and 2 absences.

Closed Session: ILCS 120/2 (c) (1): Martha motioned to move into closed session at 6:13pm, and Karly seconded. Martha motioned to leave closed session at 6:24pm, and Randi seconded.

Comments/Questions from Trustees/Public (2 minutes)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

