

Ogden Farmers' Library
Board of Trustees Meeting 9/21/2023

Present

Alex Hinkley (Pres)
Linda Tague (VP)
Susan Reeves (Sec)
Nick Messoloras (Treas)
Kathleen Britton
Sal Alonci

Excused

Laura O'Donnell
Amy Holko
Sharon Stevens

Also Present

John Cohen (Library Dir.)

1. Call to Order / Agenda Changes

- Alex called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. There were no agenda changes.

2. Action on Minutes

- Minutes of August 17, 2023 were amended to correct the spelling of Heveron & Company, and to add 7:44pm as the time the meeting was adjourned.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as amended was made by Kathleen, seconded by Linda and approved unanimously.

3. Public Comments - None

4. Correspondence - None

5. Friends Report: (Linda) Please find the report included in Board packet for September.

- Donations to the Fall Book Sale will be accepted 9/25 through 10/15.
- The President of the Friends has resigned, and the VP will serve in the interim.
- There are no more meetings scheduled for 2023.

6. President's report: (Alex)

- The Bank Manager at M&T Bank reached out to Alex regarding an opportunity to take advantage of an increased rate for our savings account. John will follow up with him.

7. Treasurer's Report: (Nick) Please find the report included in the Board packet for September.

- The balance sheet currently shows 1.3 million in total assets.
- The total expense increase on the P&L report in August line 8205 for personnel has been corrected.
- The Credit Card report has no unusual charges, noting that the Survey Monkey amount is an annual charge.

MOTION to approve the warrants was made by Susan, seconded by Nick and approved unanimously.

8. **Director's Report (with Librarians' reports)** Full reports are included in the Board packet for September.

- It was noted that the Statistics YTD for Juvenile, Teen and Family Patron count already exceed the totals for 2022.

a. Personnel Report – None

9. Unfinished Business

a. Policy review – Bylaws

MOTION to approve amended Ogden Farmers' Library Board Of Trustees By-Laws (REVISED September 2023) was made by Sal, seconded by Nick and approved unanimously.

b. Budget 2024

- it was noted that the Teen Budget line may reflect a more realistic need for 2024.

10. New Business

a. Age for Adult Library Cards

- as each Library has the discretion to set the age at which a person can apply for an Adult Library Card and the precedent at the OFL has been 18 yrs John would like to change this to 16 yrs to facilitate High School students ease of applying for Cards. The BOT agreed with this recommendation.

11. **Public comments** – None

12. **Educational segment** – None

13. **Executive session** - None

14. **MOTION** to Adjourn at 7:09pm was made by Nick, seconded by Sal and approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings:

Board of Trustees Meeting will be Thursday, October 19, 2023 at 6:30pm in the town meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Reeves (Secretary)

