

OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
July 12, 2023

In attendance:

President and Chair of the meeting, David Edinger and Secretary, Kimberly Daley
Also in attendance: Chrissy Lawlor, Tom Hammang, Meg Soltis, and Nathalie Andrews.
Absent: Fara Warner, Susan York, Donna Elberg, and Karen Heusel.

The meeting, held in person at the library, was called to order at 6:31 pm by David Edinger.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

=> Consent Agenda: Items included are June minutes, prepayments list, donations, and warrants list.
Nathalie makes a motion to accept the Consent Agenda. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

Committee Reports:

=> No committee reports submitted.

Issues to vote on:

=> Braby Resolution: Following the Building Committees' recommendation to use the Braby Endowment for additional emergency funding proposed at the last meeting, board members reviewed the Resolution entitled "Braby Fund: Emergency Fund and Asset Allocation Change" to be submitted to Chemung. Funds will be invested more conservatively going forward. Nathalie makes a motion to approve the Resolution. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

=> Approval of Student Board Member: David makes a motion to nominate Hailey Peck to be our next student member of the board. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

=> Approval of Rural Libraries Conference: Chrissy would like to attend the conference in Kansas scheduled for September 20 - 23. Total cost is \$1,264. Nathalie makes a motion to approve cost of conference travel. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

=> Approval of moving September meeting date: Because Chrissy will be traveling for the conference during regularly scheduled meeting in September, David makes a motion to change the date to September 13th from September 20th. All in favor. **Motion approved.**

Old Business:

=> Benefits program for staff: David reviewed information from Rebekkah Smith Aldridge covering benefit programs offered at other libraries in the MHLS system. He will call a few associations libraries currently offering benefits to see how their programs work.

Director's Report:

=> Chrissy updates on working with Sara, the accountant, on the new reserve accounts. Chrissy will open a new account at Community Bank.

=> Chrissy updates on a new collection for used instruments.

=> Chrissy updates on getting quotes for the accessible ramp and updating the bathrooms. She's getting quotes from the contractor who did the windows as well as the contractor who did the elevator.

Treasurer's Report:

=> Nathalie submitted the June report. Board members reviewed report.

Visioning:

=> Board members talked about moving the rock collection and rehanging the quilt which is currently rolled up and hanging in the Community Room.

=> Kim presented the financial snippet on Planned Giving. Kim explained what Planned Giving is and how it works, the different ways people can make deferred donations, and what the barriers are to Planned Giving. Nathalie explained how the role of receiving a 414 tax levy from the town may be influencing people's decisions to not give to the library. People think the library is funded mostly by tax dollars. Kim explains that the Friend's Group could have a role for revamping the current Planned Giving program; paying a graphic design company to create a brochure and funding training seminars hosted by estate lawyers and/or financial planners.

Motion to Adjourn made by Kim. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.