

Board of Trustees of the Upper Sandusky Community Library

Minutes

June 9, 2022

The Upper Sandusky Community Library Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, June 9, at 12:00 p.m. in the Library Board Room with the following members present: Ms. Jenny Romich, Ms. Amy Aldridge-Ritchey, Mr. Todd Leightey and Mr. Brian Kimmel. Ms. Dianne Grafmiller, Ms. Laurie Scheck and Ms. Ann Kemerley were absent. Director Kathleen Whitt was also present.

President Jenny Romich asked for public comments. Hearing none, Ms. Romich asked if there were corrections or additions to the distributed minutes of the April meeting. Hearing none, Ms. Romich declared that the minutes stand as distributed.

Next on the agenda was a motion to ratify the payment of the bills. Ms. Romich asked if there were any questions about the bills. A question was asked about the payment to Bayscan. Ms. Whitt replied that is an annual software fee for the self-service checkout station. Hearing no further questions, the motion was made and seconded to ratify the payment of bills; in a roll call vote, all present approved the bills.

Under old business, Ms. Whitt said she had received notice that a liquor permit for alcohol sales at 325 N. Sandusky, next door to the library, has been applied for. The Board agreed that the decision they made at the previous meeting not to oppose the license would stand.

Under the last item of business, Ms. Whitt reported that the library has been awarded a grant from the Upper's Winter Fantasy of Lights to support the elevator upgrade project. The amount will depend on the receipts from the 2022 event, and funds will be distributed in spring 2023. It was suggested that since the project would cost significantly more than the likely amount of the grant, and take several months to complete, it might be possible to begin the project before these funds are received. Ms. Whitt said she will look into this.

In the Director's Report, Ms. Whitt reported that:

1. The Ohio Department of Taxation (ODT) posted the May 2022 Public Library Fund (PLF) distribution of \$57,624,451 — which is \$18 million (+ 45.5%) above ODT's original estimate that was issued in July 2021. While May is usually a high distribution month due to April income tax filing, this far exceeds anything we have seen in recent years. According to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), overall state tax receipts for the month of April came in \$1 billion (+ 45.6%) over estimates. So far, State Fiscal Year 2022 tax collections are exceeding estimates by \$2.5 billion. This means the legislature and the state are continuing to see a large surplus with only 2 months left in the fiscal year.
2. The Friends of the Library has been approved as a 501(c)3 non-profit public charity, effective November 3, 2021.
3. Priority Dispatch started making pickups for statewide delivery of shared library materials on April 18 and began making deliveries couple of days after that. We were able to catch up with the very long list of items on hold for patrons within about a week, and the service appears to be running smoothly now.
4. The 2022 Summer Reading Program, Oceans of Possibilities, is under way, with BINGO game cards for participants pre-K through senior citizens. Each square on the BINGO card

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lists an activity to be completed, such as reading books on different topics or in different formats, or participating in library programs. Each BINGO completed earns an entry for one of about a dozen prize drawings. Prizes include tickets to Cedar Point and King’s Island, a big wheel scooter, laser tag game set, toy rocket launcher, and outdoor reading gift bag and basket. For our littlest “readers,” we have the Wee Read program. Children receive a free board book to keep when caregivers read to them and cross off all the books on the record sheet. Patrons can sign up for the summer reading programs by stopping by the library or by visiting our website and clicking on “Oceans of Possibilities” to download the program materials.

5. Programming for June and July includes a visit from naturalist Chelsea Gottfried with salamander that children can touch, interactive viewings of Disney’s The Little Mermaid and The Princess Bride, a paint party for kids in grades 4-12, topical presentations by Ashlie Payton on “There’s Something in the Water,” and much more, ending with a Luau at the end of July.
6. COSI will again make their Learning Lunchbox science kits available free of charge to libraries to distribute to school-aged children. We will be receiving 100 dinosaur-themed kits within a few weeks, to be handed out in any way we find appropriate. We are looking into programming to coordinate with the material presented, similar to the presentation from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum when we began passing out the space-themed kits in 2020.

7. Memorial/Honor/Donations:

In memory of:

Donation
Jacob David Ralph
Deanna Spurlock

Donor(s):

USANDO
Cheri & Ben Logan
Jaymie Gollehan
First Citizens Bank
Rhea Hoy
Philip & Jalene Kin and Family
Bryan Long
Mark & Shelagh Ellis

There were no Items Not on the Agenda.

Ms. Romich asked whether there were any additional items for discussion. Hearing none, the motion was made and seconded to adjourn; the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

President

Secretary