WRIGHT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes January 27, 2025 Wright Memorial Public Library

Call to Order

The Wright Memorial Public Library Board of Trustees met in regular session on January 27, 2025. President Jennifer Enseleit called the regular meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

Board of Trustees Present: Mrs. Jennifer Enseleit

Dr. Darrell Crowe
Ms. Candise Powell
Mr. Bob Eling
Mr. Joseph Fulford
Mrs. Donna Rosenbaum
Dr. Drew Strombeck

A quorum was declared with seven members present.

Others in Attendance:

Mrs. Brenda Oliver, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Brian Potts, WMPL Operations Coordinator

Agenda

2025-011 Mr. Fulford moved, seconded by Dr. Strombeck, to approve the agenda.

Roll Call: Ayes; Strombeck, Enseleit, Crowe, Eling, Fulford, Rosenbaum Powell. Nays;

None.

Minutes

2025-012 Mrs. Powell moved, seconded by Mr. Eling, to approve the minutes of the December

18, 2024 Regular Meeting

Roll Call: Ayes; Rosenbaum, Enseleit, Strombeck, Crowe, Eling, Fulford, Powell. Nays;

None.

Public Comment

None.

Staff Comment/Report

None.

Board Committee Reports

- A. Facilities Committee Mr. Eling None
- B. Finance/Audit Committee Mrs. Enseleit

- 1. Credit Card Compliance Report
- C. Nominating Committee Mrs. Rosenbaum None
- D. Personnel Committee Mr. Strombeck None
- E. Policy Committee Ms. Powell None
- F. Communications Committee Mr. Fulford None
- G. Strategic Planning Committee Dr. Crowe None

Library Foundation Liaison Report -Mrs. Oliver presented on behalf of Mrs. Hale

- A. The Wright Library Foundation Board met on January 8, 2025
- B. The Foundation approved a grant for a springtime naturalist program; a grant to hold a Summer Reading Club kickoff program will be requested.
- C. Two new Foundation Board members were elected: Lu Ann Stanley and Don Prizler. One additional member is under consideration.
- D. The 2024 Annual Campaign raised more than \$97,000, a 34% increase over 2023, with 236 donors.
- E. The Marketing Committee sent out an end-of-year update and an invitation to the unveiling of the Codebreakers exhibit.

Fiscal Officer's Report

- A. Financial Report December 2024 (Draft)
- B. Appropriation Transfers December 2024
- **2025-013** Dr. Crowe moved, seconded by Mrs. Powell to approve the December 2024 draft financial statements and appropriation transfers

Roll Call: Ayes; Rosenbaum, Enseleit, Crowe, Strombeck, Eling, Fulford, Powell. Nays; None

Director's Report – Mrs. Oliver and Mr. Potts presented on behalf of Mrs. Hale

- A. Library Statistics December 2024 Addendum
 - a. Mrs. Oliver highlighted areas of WMPL's services and collections that are showing significantly higher usage over 2023.
- B. Library Highlights December 2024 Addendum
- C. Updates
 - a. Facilities
 - i. WMPL closed on January 6, 2025 and closed early on January 10, 2025 for inclement weather.
 - ii. Some gutters were damaged in recent heavy snow; they will be repaired or replaced.
 - iii. The WWII Codebreakers exhibit was unveiled on January 23, 2025, followed by a related program from the Cryptologic Museum
 - iv. The dedication for the tree planted in memory of former WMPL Director Thelma Yakura will be held at the April 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.
 - b. Staff
 - i. Facilities Technician position has been filled.
 - c. Technology

- i. WMPL is seeking competitive bids for managed IT services.
- d. Collections, Services & Programs
 - i. WMPL has developed a Customer Service Plan.
 - ii. WMPL has retained the Legal Forms database at a lower cost.
 - iii. Mrs. Oliver highlighted upcoming programs.
- e. Other Updates
 - WMPL has developed a proposal for the fair distribution of the Montgomery County Public Library Fund; WMPL representatives will meet with the County Auditor to discuss the proposal.
 - ii. The Ohio Library Council will offer a Trustee workshop on March 8, 2025.
 - iii. Mrs. Hale will provide the Board of Trustees with a progress report on Strategic Plan initiatives at the February 2025 Regular Meeting.
 - iv. House Bill 257, allowing public library boards to hold and attend meetings virtually, was passed and will become effective soon.
 - v. Some trends in public libraries in 2024 included:
 - 1. Censorship efforts are still high but declined from 2023.
 - 2. The FCC set broadband as a public utility and restored rules for net neutrality.
 - 3. Many libraries in the U.S. were victims of ransomware plots.

New Business

None

Action Items

Previous Meeting:

- A. Follow-up with County Commissioners (Mrs. Hale) Mrs. Enseleit and Mrs. Oliver reported on the PLF distribution proposals and meeting scheduled for January 28th in progress
- B. IT Services (Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Oliver) Mrs. Oliver reported that the RFP for IT Services is ready to be released January 31, 2025 in progress

Current Meeting:

A. Book Recommendations

Upcoming Meeting Dates & Announcements

A. BOT Meeting – Regular Meeting, Monday, February 17, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. to be held at Wright Memorial Public Library

Adjournment

Mr. Eling moved, seconded by Mr. Fulford to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Roll Call: Ayes; Strombeck, Enseleit, Crowe, Eling, Rosenbaum, Fulford, Powell. Nays; None

Respectfully submitted,	
Candise Powell, Secretary	_
Jennifer Enseleit, President	