

LORAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Lorain, Ohio

July 15, 2021

President Tomas called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

Absent: Dr. Badillo, Ms. Snipes, Ms. Torres

Regular Business

No Board Member indicated a conflict of interest with today's agenda.

President Tomas requested a motion to move #2021-069 Resolution of Appreciation for the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain to the forefront of the Agenda.

Ms. McClelland moved, Colonel Belanger seconded the motion to move #2021-069 Resolution of Appreciation for the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain to the forefront of the Agenda.

#2021-069 Resolution of Appreciation for the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the resolution of appreciation for the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain

WHEREAS, the establishment of a free public library in Lorain was the result of tremendous effort and determination by the women of the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain, who formed the Lorain Sisterhood Library Board with the History and Literary Club and The Round Table; and

WHEREAS, in 1900, the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain donated their collection of 80 books which became the initial subscription library in Lorain. The continued advocacy by Wimodaughsis compelled Andrew Carnegie to donate funds to construct a library in Lorain, which was dedicated on May 20, 1904; and

WHEREAS, the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain has continued to support the Lorain Public Library System and foster the love of reading in the community for 125 years; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees does publicly acknowledge and express most sincere thanks to the Wimodaughsis Club of Lorain for their part in the formation of the Lorain Public Library System.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-067 Approval of the Board Minutes from the June 17, 2021 Meeting

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the approval of the Board Minutes from the June 17, 2021 Meeting.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-068 Approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer's Report

Colonel Belanger moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the approval of the Chief Fiscal Officer's Report.

Ms. Ventura presented the June 2021 Fiscal Report to the Board.

The Library had a cash balance at the month end of \$26,939,841.

The cash balance in operating funds was \$14,649,488 and operating funds after encumbrances was \$12,957,776.

The total unencumbered cash balances as of June 30, 2021 were \$24,646,762.

The revenues year-to-date were at \$6,363,317 which was 56% of the estimated annual revenues without advances or transfers.

The expenses year-to-date were \$4,922,978 which was 25% of the estimated expenses without advances or transfers.

Expenses with encumbrances total \$7,458,562 which was 38% of the annual estimated expenses.

The PLF revenue received for the month of June 2021 was 38% higher than what was received in June of 2020. The higher percentage for the month is due to lower than normal levels in 2020 resulting from the pandemic. Overall, for year to date 2021, PLF is 19% higher than the totals for year to date 2020.

The Library audit has resumed as of last week. They are still on track to conclude the Library's audit at the end of July.

There were no public records requests.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

Report of the Director

2021 Program of Work

2021 Strategic Goals

Monthly Statistical Report

Committee Reports

- A. Finance, Audit and Properties Committee**
- B. Library Services and Personnel Committee**
- C. Trustee Development and Nominating Committee**
- D. Foundation Committee and Friend's Group**

No committees have met as of this meeting however will begin meeting next week (week of June 19, 2021).

Audience Participation

There was no audience participation.

New Business

#2021-070 Resolution of Appreciation for Colonel Keith Belanger, Board Member

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the resolution of appreciation for Colonel Keith Belanger, Board Member.

WHEREAS, the Lorain Public Library System is fortunate to have many community volunteers who are dedicated to the Library; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Keith Belanger in his service on the Board of Trustees from January 2018 through July 2021, has devoted countless hours to the Library; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Keith Belanger has given thoughtful, professional advice as a member of several Library Board committees, such as: Library Services & Personnel, Finance, Audit & Properties and Trustee Development & Nominating; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Keith Belanger has shared his valuable insight and given wise counsel to the Library Board and administration over the years to guide the Library into the future; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lorain Public Library System Board of Trustees does publicly acknowledge Colonel Keith Belanger and his contribution to our library system, extends its appreciation on behalf of the Board and Staff.

Roll Call: Yeas: Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas
Abstain: Colonel Belanger

#2021-071 Resolution of Appreciation for Local Legislators

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the resolution of appreciation for local legislators for maintaining the Public Library Fund at 1.7% of the General Fund in House Bill (HB) 110 for the Fiscal Years 2022-2023.

WHEREAS, Ohio's public libraries currently serve more than 8.4 million cardholders; and

WHEREAS, Ohio’s public libraries have the highest use per capita in the nation; and
WHEREAS, state funding for public libraries through the Public Library Fund ensures all Ohioans have access to a minimum level of services statewide, regardless of their zip code; and

WHEREAS, Public libraries help Ohioans find jobs, offer literacy and homework help center, and provide life-long learning opportunities and programming for all ages; and

WHEREAS, The Lorain Public Library System currently receives 34% of our operating revenue from the state through the Public Library Fund; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Lorain Public Library System, Board of Trustees, thank members of the Ohio Senate and members of the Ohio House for making public libraries a priority in the state budget bill by maintaining the Public Library Fund at 1.7% of the state’s total General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Years 2022 and 2023.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-072 Resolution to Approve Increasing the Blanket PO for Bricker & Eckler for Legal Services for the Avon Construction Project

Colonel Belanger moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the resolution to approve increasing the blanket purchase order for Bricker & Eckler for legal services for the Avon Construction Project by Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for a total do not exceed amount of One hundred, thirty-five thousand dollars (\$135,000).

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-073 Appointment of New Staff

Colonel Belanger moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the appointment of new staff.

APPOINTMENTS								
NAME	POSITION	DATE	PT/FT/TEMP	GRADE/STEP	SALARY	HOURS	DEPT/BRANCH	REASON FOR CHANGE: PROMOTION/HOURS SALARY/TRANSFER RESIGNATION
Linnea Fox	Librarian	6/28/21	FT	UJ/1	\$20.791	38	Main/PS	From PSP to Librarian

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-074 Resolution to Approve an Increase and Extension through December 2022 to the Gergely’s Contract

Ms. McClelland moved, Colonel Belanger seconded the increase and extension through December 2022 to the Gergely’s contract not to exceed One hundred, seventy-three thousand, one hundred, fifty-four dollars and seventy-two cents (\$173,154.72).

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-075 Resolution to Approve the New Job Description of Technology Analyst

Ms. McClelland moved, Ms. Schiemann seconded the resolution to approve the new job description of Technology Analyst.

Ms. Diamond-Ortiz explained the position is on the Project Manager side that Dan Shell (IT Director) can have him/her handle and would be on the same level as an Assistant Manager, each having different responsibilities. Currently there is an intern working through a grant with the IT Department that will expire at the end of the summer.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

#2021-076 Resolution to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss Economic Development Assistance

Ms. McClelland moved, Colonel Belanger seconded the resolution to enter into Executive Session to discuss Economic Development Assistance.

Roll Call: Yeas: Colonel Belanger, Ms. McClelland, Ms. Schiemann, President Tomas

The Executive Session commenced at 5:28 p.m. and adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

President Tomas called for adjournment of the Board Meeting at 6:29 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Committee Meeting

July 20, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Special Board Meeting

July 20, 2021 at 5:15 p.m.

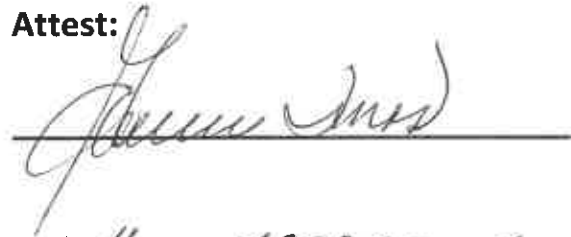
North Ridgeville Branch, 35700 Bainbridge Road, North Ridgeville

Regular Business Meeting of the Library Board

August 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

South Library Branch, 2121 Homewood Drive, Lorain

Attest:

 _____, **President**

 _____, **Secretary**