

The Board of Library Trustees, Lakewood, Ohio Thursday, April 11, 2024

The Board of Library Trustees of the Lakewood Public Library, City of Lakewood, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, met in regular session in the Meeting Room of the Madison Branch Library, 13229 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 7:02 P.M.

Members present: Mrs. April Hoy, Mrs. Persis Sosiak, Mrs. Nancy Seibert (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Gregory Gipson (arrived 7:05 p.m.), Mr. Michael Artbauer, Mr. Jeffrey Endress, and Mr. Scott Kermod.

Members excused: None.

Also present: Mr. James Crawford and Mr. William Costello, Jr., CPA.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Mr. Artbauer, seconded by Mr. Endress, to approve the Agenda for March 14, 2024.

Yeas: Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Sosiak, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Kermod, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Correspondence from Lakewood Kiwanis Club thanking Eve Klodnick, Manager of Children's and Youth Services, for her presentation.

Correspondence from Juliette, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Lakewood Catholic Academy. "Thank you for all the ways you support reading and research, and for all the community programs you offer. Our families are lucky to have such knowledgeable librarians who help us pick just the right books."

Minutes, State Library of Ohio Board Meeting (January 18, 2024). "Ms. Fredericka acknowledged the good work that public libraries are doing by teaming up with local community groups. Her recognition was for her own Lakewood Public Library, under the direction of James Crawford, which partnered with the Lakewood

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League of Women Voters for an educational fall forum on Dealing with Disinformation in a Democracy. In addition to serving on the panel, Mr. Crawford and his staff created "Misinformation: A Bibliography" of resources available to children and teens, educators, adults, and senior citizens. The library features many of these titles which are now available as part of their collection. This was one example of the excellent service our public libraries provide each and every day across the state."

Communication from Ari Gold, son of the late Herbert Gold -- Lakewood-native, acclaimed novelist, non-fiction writer, short-story writer, essayist and poet -- acknowledging and thanking the Library for its expression of condolence; and related correspondence, obituaries and articles, including:

Articles announcing and promoting Herbert Gold's May 7, 2015, presentation at the Lakewood Public Library that appeared in the Cleveland Jewish News (Good as Gold as writer return to his roots in Lakewood; April 28, 2015), and San Francisco Chronicle (Herbert Gold, 91 and working on his 20<sup>th</sup> novel, is about to return to his hometown, Lakewood, Ohio, for an event at the public library there; April 7, 2015).

The New York Times (Herbert Gold, postwar novelist of love and marriage, dies at 99; November 20, 2023, updated November 23, 2023).

The Jerusalem Post (Herbert Gold, novelist who mined his own Jewish upbringing, dies at 99; November 28, 2023).

Shelf Awareness (Obituary Note: Herbert Gold; November 22, 2023).

The Hudson Review (Obituary: Herbert Gold, 1924-2023; Winter 2024). "The editors mourn the loss of Herbert Gold, one of our longest published writers. From 1951 to 2019, his works appeared in twenty-three issues of the magazine. His final contribution was memoir titled **Oatmeal Raisin Cookies and the Jewish Problem** about growing up in Lakewood, Ohio.

Cleveland Jewish News (Herbert Gold, novelist born in Lakewood where his father ran a grocery store, dies at 99; November 27, 2023).

The Jewish News of Northern California (Herbert Gold, San Francisco novelist who mined his own Jewish upbringing, dies at 99: November 27, 2023).

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San Francisco Chronicle (Herbert Gold, prolific old-school S.F. novelist dies at 99; November 20, 2023).

The Boston Globe (Herbert Gold, 99, was postwar novelist; November 22, 2023).

Yiddish Cup (Herbert Gold of Hathaway Avenue, dies at 99 in San Francisco; November 29, 2023).

The Washington Post (Herbert Gold, who wrote of Jewish life and foibles of love, dies at 99; November 22, 2023).

#### **DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Kermode, seconded by Mr. Artbauer, approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 14, 2024.

Yeas: Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermode, Mr. Artbauer, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

#### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Mrs. Sosiak inquired about the Library's microfilm. Mr. Crawford explained that the microfilm is heavily used and has been sent to be digitized, which will be available soon.

Mrs. Sosiak stated that the Spring/Summer Program Guide is great.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT AND BILLS**

No report.

#### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

##### **Business Management and Finance**

No report.

**Building and Supplies**

No report.

**Collections and Gifts**

Motion by Mr. Endress, seconded by Mr. Gipson, to accept and gratefully acknowledge gifts received:

Lakewood Public Library Gifts Received:

03/13/2024 - \$ 50.00 Madison Branch Free Thinkers AA  
03/25/2024 - \$400.00 Madison Branch West Side Agnostics AA

Lakewood Public Library Foundation Received:

None.

Lakewood Public Library Friends Gifts Received:

None.

Yeas: Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermodé, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

**Personnel**

Motion by Mrs. Seibert, seconded by Mr. Endress, to acknowledge personnel changes:

Appointments:

03/20/24 - White, Rose, Paraprofessional, Public Services

03/26/24 - Flood, Isabelle, Clerk, Public Services

03/27/24 - MacDowell, Abigail, Paraprofessional, Madison Branch

Resignations/Retirements/Separations/Terminations:

03/10/2024 - Seckers, Sasha, Paraprofessional, Public Services

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Yeas: Mrs. Hoy, Mrs. Sosiak, Mrs. Seibert, Mr. Artbauer, Mr. Gipson, Mr. Kermode, and Mr. Endress.

Abstained: None.

Nays: None.

The President declared the motion carried.

#### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

##### **Audit Committee**

No report.

##### **Public Comments**

No comments.

##### **OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Sosiak encouraged everyone to review the Library's website that is now translated into Spanish and Arabic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, May 09, 2024

7:00 P.M.

