Draft Ogden Farmers' Library

Board of Trustees Meeting

November 20, 2025, at 6:30pm in the Library meeting room

Present	Excused	Also Present
Alex Hinkley (Pres)	Kathleen Britton	John Cohen (Library Director)
Linda Tague (VP)	Rachael Holley	Ellen Robillard
Susan Reeves (Sec)		Terri Monsees
Nick Messoloras (Treas)		
Laura Gannon		
Sharon Stevens		
Amy Holko		

1) Call to Order / Agenda Changes
    - Alex called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.
2) Action on Minutes
    - **MOTION** to accept minutes of October 16, 2025, with changes was made by Nick, seconded by Laura and approved unanimously.
3) Public Comments
    - Laura Robillard, Ogden Resident, Town of, Ogden Democratic Committee Leader
    - Laura had questions regarding the OFL Metting Room Use Policy's wording with respect to "Political meetings are acceptable at the discretion of the Director for the discussion of issues but not for campaign purposes, party, caucuses, and the like." She was asking for the BOT to consider looking at the Policy to make it amenable, for example, to political party committee meeting usage. She indicated that there are few free available public meeting spaces and that there are Public Libraries in Monroe County that provide for this.
4) Correspondence - None
5) Friends Report: (Linda) – Please find report included in Board Packet for November.
    - This year's book sale brought in a record total of over $4,700
6) President's report: (Alex) - None
7) Treasurer's Report: (Nick)
    - The balance sheet shows total assets at $1.46 million.
    - Total Liabilities and Equity on track with 2024.
    - **MOTION** to approve Warrant was made by Amanda, seconded by Linda and approved unanimously.

8) Annual Organizational Meeting:
   - **MOTION** to enter Annual Organizational Meeting at 6:47pm was made by Nick, seconded by Susan and approved unanimously.

      (a) Election of Officers
         - the 2026 Officers are Alex as President, Linda as VP, Nick as Treasurer and Amanda as Secretary.
         - Susan submitted her resignation, her term to be concluded December 31, 2025.

      (b) Review of Meeting information provided in Board Packet.

         - I. Officers for 2025
           President – Alex Hinkley
           Vice President – Linda Tague
           Treasurer – Nick Messoloras
           Secretary – Susan Reeves

         - II. Authorized signers for payment vouchers – Board members are Alex, Linda and Nick. Staff are John Cohen and Kate Vreeland.

   - **MOTION** to approve elections and decisions made during the Annual Organizational Meeting and to leave Meeting at 6:57pm was made by Laura, seconded by Nick and approved unanimously.

9) Director's Report (with Librarians' reports) – Please find reports included in Board Packet for November.

      (a) Personnel Report – None

10) Unfinished Business

   a) Policy review – Meeting Room Use Policy
      - MOTION to table the discussion for time to consider the Public Comments brought to the BOT earlier this evening until January 15,2026 was made by Linda, seconded by Nick and approved unanimously.

11) New Business

   a) Staff luncheon – will occur December 9th at noon. Board members will work in the Library so the Staff can enjoy this time.

b) December 5, 2025 – MOTION to close at 7pm the evening of the Town Christmas Celebration was made by Laura, seconded by Amanda and approved unanimously.

c) Collection Event Policy – MOTION to table discussion until January 15, 2025 was made by Amy, seconded by Nick and approved unanimously.

12) Public comments – None

13) Executive session

- John and Terri were asked to leave the meeting.
- **MOTION** to enter Executive session at 7:36pm to discuss staff positions and vote on prospective Board member was made by Amanda, seconded by Nick and unanimously approved.
- The BOT unanimously voted to receive Terri Monsees as a new Board member to complete the term of Susan Reeves through December 31, 2027.
- **MOTION** to exit Executive session at 8:12pm was made by Amy, seconded by Sharon and approved unanimously.
- John was invited back into the meeting and told that the Board approved his compensation for 2026 to be $86,069.02. This reflects a 4% raise.

14) Motion to Adjourn

- **MOTION** to adjourn at 8:12pm was made by Linda, seconded by Amy and approved unanimously.

Upcoming meetings:
Board of Trustees Meeting will be Thursday, January 16,2025 at 6:30pm in the Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Reeves