



**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023 | 5:00 P.M.
SIERRA VIEW LIBRARY
4001 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502**

The Board met in regular session in hybrid format via Zoom and in person.

1. CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE THE FLAG

Trustee Lea Moser assumed the gavel and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. She led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present:

Frank Perez, Chair (arrived at 5:10pm)
Lea Moser, Trustee
Al Rogers, Trustee
Gianna Jacks, Trustee
Ann Silver, Trustee

Absent:

None

County Staff:

Jeff Scott, Library Director
Herb Kaplan, Deputy District Attorney
Dave Solaro, Deputy County Manager

Trustee Moser stated Item 5a, *PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK: Presented by Washoe County Commissioner Garcia* [Non-Action Item], would be heard first to accommodate Commissioner Garcia's schedule. Commissioner Garcia read the proclamation with Librarian Mela Garcia.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Gayle Townsend

Thanked the library for the wonderful banned books week, a special holiday she had celebrated with her family for a long time by choosing books, reading, and talking about them together. She was able to do this with students she had and always had discussions. Most of the banned books are fairly controversial,

so there were good arguments for debates with students. She particularly liked the display at the Spanish Springs library which displayed books taken off the shelf and hidden around the library. The display was about all of the books that our own neighbors in didn't want others to read. She found it sad that most of the hidden books were children's books that touched on LGBTQ subjects. She had not previously been familiar with the Grandpa's Camper book, about a young boy dealing with death, a universal subject all of us have at one time or another had to deal with, especially our children. I thought it was very sad that this book was hidden away because a little boy had a grandpa and grandpa; I think people should be more compassionate, caring, and human. She also enjoyed the display in the Sparks library in the children's area. She was not why Charlotte's Web had been added to the list; she understood some parts were scary but had found with her own children and others' that the freer they were and the less restrictive the hurdles to learning, the better. She thanked the libraries for helping her celebrate banned books week.

William Puchert

Provided items to the Board and introduced himself as a Reno resident who had also applied to the Library Board trustee vacancies out of concern over a group of folks led by the local Washoe Republican Chair who had been orchestrating much of the opposition to the library's diversity programs like Drag Queen Story Time. Mr. Puchert felt the group was a vocal minority which did not share the same values of the majority of the community and sought to sensationalize and misinform others under the guise of concern for children.

He continued: I respectfully ask you not to give in to this hateful demagoguery and do what's best for our community. I am particularly concerned that one of the new trustees, whose appointment was widely applauded by these same folks, plans to hold weekly town hall meetings at a local coffee shop as listed on these flyers that I passed out to you. I am suspicious as to what the true purpose of these meetings are, considering the above-mentioned orchestration. This should raise some red flags; a local conservative blog stated yesterday on social media that the Washoe County Republican party fought like tigers to get a conservative appointed as a County Library Trustee. It now appears as though she's running for something with her Library Trustee logos; accordingly, I'd like to respectfully ask this Board to address the following: are these Town Hall meetings mentioned in this flyer officially sanctioned events of the Library System and/or Washoe County? Is it appropriate to use a washoecounty.gov email address and her title as a Trustee to contact her on such a flyer, as the Optics don't look so good? The Hatch Act and certain NRS prohibit the use of federal and state resources for political purposes. Should the library board adopt guidelines as other County boards and commissions do related to activities and use of County resources, those here who claim to be guardians of taxpayer dollars should be concerned about this questionable use of County resources rather than droning on and on about Drag Queen Story Hour and banning books. A word of advice to these folks who believe that they are speaking to the power: please start by telling the truth and refrain from ongoing divisive misinformation. Thank you, and you can paraphrase my words into the record; no need to quote me verbatim.

Janet Butcher

Welcome to the two new board members, Gianna Jacks and Ann Silver. I had the pleasure of hearing Ms. Jacks speak a couple times at the Commissioners' meeting while applying for the position. I unfortunately did not have the pleasure of hearing Ms. Silver but understand she is well known with local government entities. I am hopeful we have two new board members who understand how a meeting should be run, understand the concerns of the citizens who care about the innocence of our children, and will be good curators. Asking to protect the innocence of our children is not political.

I appreciate that there are now individual emails for each one of the trustees so they can receive correspondence directly. I also want to welcome the Assistant Director Stacy McKenzie; I know that there was not an email for her but I assume it will be SMcKenzie. I am grateful that the Pledge of Allegiance is being said today; I believe it should be part of the bylaws and needs to be said before each meeting. I noticed that at the last meeting they had something about the Holocaust and some people chose not to stand; it was sad. Please also note that the last trustee board who wanted to strike out the in public comment. Hopefully it will be in there and having listened you mean there's a trustee that wants to hear from the public oh my gosh that she wants to hear what people say. Anyway, thank you.

Roger Edwards

I welcome the two new trustees back into this group. Years ago, when you came to these meetings there would be nothing to talk about nothing to discuss. It was terrible. I am a 50-year resident to this county, father of three, grandfather of six, the libraries were part of my family's lives forever. I started taking my kids to the public library in 1969 years ago so trust me I love these buildings. I really like Sparks, it's a tremendous building there. This is a terrible time that we're in here and anything that the library board can do to push the truth is more critical now than it's ever been. I've worked in so many different jobs, I'm retired and disabled and there's a lot of things that you guys can do. I love the outreach and I'm upset but I didn't get the flyer; I definitely want one before I get out of here. You know you're public representatives; you need to keep that in your mind, in front of you at all times when you're sitting in these seats.

Bob Quilitch

I'm a retired behavioral psychologist. I'm one of the pioneer volunteer members of the Washoe County Library System; I think my first library card was on parchment, back in those days before we had paper. This has been my library for years. I share here and I volunteered here; I seem to have books coming that I put on reserve every few days, just a little bit like Christmas when I say the book is on hold. I'm here in support of our library system. The staff are wonderful; the procedures are efficient. They help me find books when I want them. The atmosphere is pleasant, and I probably come here every day some weeks. I really enjoy talking with the staff and checking out books. I'm one of your biggest supporters and I will continue to be so.

Jim Shirk

Good evening my name is Jim Shirk, and this is Marshall. Marshall has something to say first.

Marshall: 'Hi mommy. I like Mommy.'

Jim Shirk

I second that. I want to congratulate my daughter on winning the election, congratulate you on meeting with the public on your own time, giving up your time with your family to meet and hear what the public really needs. I encourage all board members to do this. I just want to say thank you for all you do.

Bruce Foster

Thank you for our two new members of the library board. I am a Sparks resident, dad of six and a grandad of nine. The purpose of my being here – please enter my comments into the record – is that I was given the task of reading “All Boys Aren't Blue” for a project for a local group. When I returned it, I used little strips of paper and I put scripture verses on them in the most graphic areas of the book; I'm not going to go into the details of that book. For that, I've been banned from being able to check out books for a year, but that's not really why I am here. I feel that we have a bigger picture or a bigger issue than just little slips of paper in a book. There is a God, and we are not him; what I see here is that we are having an issue with individuals playing God and deciding what kind of books - like for example, this is a full display of little children's books talking about transgenderism with graphic pictures in them with young boys in bed together and other things.

I am also talking about that coming down the pipe; the new president of the American Library Association, which I'm sure you got a lot of your marching orders from, is Emily Drabinsky. Emily Drabinsky is a self-described Marxist and again, as president of American Library Association, I quote, she says public education needs to be a site of socialist organizing. Libraries really do too, but in time you can read through all that and then, as the library system is working jointly with the Washoe County School District, they are funded by a lot of different groups, including Planned Parenthood, moveon.org, Rainbow Club and many others, even Scholastic. Then of course the book that I read; what is interesting is that when I looked this morning, all the books that I have read are now totally checked out and this proves also why porn is bad for your brain.

Nichelle Hull

Good afternoon; Nichelle Hull with Wake Up Washoe County. I also wanted to recognize and welcome the new trustees Ann Silver and Gianna Jacks to the board. We look forward to partnering with this new makeup of the board and Jeff Scott, and in this partnership, we want to see reform in this Library County system. It's long overdue and high time. It has been an utter aggravation to come month after month and be ignored and be abused at public events; to be discriminated against, barred from using bathrooms, barred from going into parts of the library when the library is open. So we look forward to needed change.

The ALA president Emily Drabinsky claimed to be a Marxist lesbian, it is completely inappropriate to mention that at a work event; that would be like me being a baker and going to a baker convention and making sure that everybody there knows that I am bisexual and a communist. What does that have to do with baking unless I want everybody there to be under that influence and I am you know promoting being a communist and being a bisexual. I don't want our libraries to have that promotion from the top of Marxism, and also what someone does in their bedroom what does that have to do with creating an environment for Learning and Enlightenment? It doesn't have anything to do it and as far as being in Marxist let's look at the current Marxist-Leninist states. According to Google search I typed in the word Marxist that's it and what came up was Marxist Leninist states which remain are China, Cuba, North Korea, and Vietnam. Who is dying to get into those countries, who is beating down the door and do they have an illegal immigration problem? No, they don't so nobody is dying to be a Marxist nobody is climbing to get into Marxist nations. So regarding the rest of my comment as far as ban books and write to read initiatives by the ALA that is that issue is why we already have nine states that have severed their County Library systems from the ALA that ban books and right to read they are misnomers why are they banned because they're garbage and they need to go in the trash where they belong.

Reva Crump

I would like whatever I say to go into the public record please and I apologize to those of you who actually put here last time because apparently the online audio for the Northwest libraries was not good and anyone online trustees weren't here, I'll give a shot. Any better right definition of success in order to measure whether an event is successful or not you have to be your part targeted audience and you have to usually before the event decide what per cap would cost your will to spend for that targeted audience that you would claim it as success. In 2019 there was one Drag Queen story I already seen and by multiple news events including the director 800 people were in attendance which is a number that has been under a lot of scrutiny because there are fire codes and things like that, but we go with the numbers that we have 800 attendance. in 2023 Drag Queen Story Hour events were held and there were 357 attendees a reduction of 443 attendees and make note that attendees is not the actual number of children ages 3 through eight which was the targeted audience those were not the number of attendees counted and in fact when we simply get no such number exists so for marketing strategy they have no way of actually measuring whether or not a event was successful and Basic Marketing 101 the other information that never seems to appear but has been multiple times but it never comes forth is what is the cost of advertising staff labor per hour number of hours extra cost for security extra cost for staff cost at the queens and or Entourage the dedicated to the event by the director the Drone operator the court the attorneys were any assaults reported do we need to have increased insurance now because of reported assaults and why is all this important because the day Our Center pulls out of this event the library in the county are now responsible for the cost of the event so you need to know what it actually cost no matter who's putting that today so such a report has never once been presented to this board in any way shape or form nor has the previous board ever asked for that information as well is to quote monitor the library's finances it's one of their directives and this is only one example of one event that reports are not being presented to the board and the board is not asking for them either, therefore I submit to the board to be very careful tonight at the use of the word successful when it is an opinion and not a statistical fact supported by data that no one has.

Bruce Parks

I am a private citizen and Washoe County taxpayer, not here representing any other group. Friends of the Washoe Library president withdrew quit took people with her we're never going to know what the impact of that is she raised millions of dollars for this library and she quit because of one program I'm a firm supporter of our libraries I love of our libraries I only have problems with one program that's it and we're never going to know the actual cost of drag queen story out because the cost hasn't been calculated yet there are still court cases that may arise watching County library system could be facing litigation and who's going to pay for that. You or the taxpayers. We're not about banning books we don't want to ban books let me be very clear on we don't want books remove the we simply want the same kind of constraints that are placed on movies and video games and music in our libraries so that people that are impressionable and are not capable of mentally processing what they're seeing aren't subject to it we want those objectionable adult themed books sequestered so that young adults and adolescents and kids don't have access to them and we are not in a minority in Washoe County. The people that think that we have to place certain restrictions reasonable restrictions are not in the minority the majority of the population believes that now I know that when your argument is weak it's pretty easy to resort to personal attacks well you know that's the tactic of the fool if your argument is sound and it's based on the truth you don't have to resort personal attacks lastly I would like to say you're going to be subjected to Death by PowerPoint here tonight take it all with grain of salt thank you.

Theresa Reilly

I am a very proud resident taxpayer and a parent who has raised their children happily going to the library and taking advantage of all that it has to offer. One of the things that I would hope that this board continues to do is allow all that the library has to offer to everybody. There's been a lot of discussion about the concept of innocence and protecting people well as a parent I exercise my right to choose the things that my child is going to read I do not give that right to other people to make the choice for me to what they think is appropriate for my child if you have objections to particular books or programs you have the freedom and the right to not check those out to look at what your child and control what your child is reading and what programs your child participates in you do not have the right to limit what my child is going to do and what I choose to let them participate in or understand or research the idea of a library is to entertain ideas and to foster ideas and research and when you limit them that you limit everybody's Freedom. The society that starts to ban books and limit access to understanding and knowledge never ends up on the right side of History never and it's true that if you don't have a good argument then you do end up resorting to name calling and nastiness and carrying sidearms and intimidation and I hope that that does not happen with this group and with this organization and that our wonderful Library board can do their work in peace and can continue to foster an open Society in Washoe County thank you very much.

Victoria Myer

I have been here 45 years here in Washoe County taxpayer voter. thank you for restoring The Pledge I appreciate that and I'm not affiliated I'm an individual here representing myself and my grandchildren I have six five of them here in Washington. Welcome to the new trustees Ann silver and Gianna Jacks and thank you to Trustee Jacks for your town halls you'll be holding. We look forward to that and having our

voices heard. So there was a gentleman up here earlier talking about – well, he got very political. I think it was one of the first guys to talk. I'm wondering why is the library being so politicized? It's become such a controversial place and we have to take a look at that. Why is that he mentioned creation of guidelines and questionable use of taxpayer funds well there are some questionable uses of our taxpayer funds to address the person who just spoke a minute ago here I respect everyone's parental right to give their child whatever they see fit we are not about I am not about restricting any parental rights that comes first in my book parents' rights to raise your child in a manner you see fit we're talking I'm talking about we are talking about some of us here the questionable use for to promote things first of all the title banned books there's no banned books in the country that I'm aware of there's not in Washoe County. all these questionable books are available at the library when you go to a an x-rated movie you have to be of a certain age that's all we're talking about here it's not about parental rights it's not about infringing on rights it's not about usurping anybody's authority over their children, however taxpayer use for books such as Bush and Me and Earl and the Dying Girl that have extremely graphic parts – 'Daddy put his peepee smelly thing to my mouth but never holds me' – that's in a book called Push; not only is it in our middle schools in Washoe County and in our high schools but it's here in the young adult section; young adult being defined by the ALA as 12 to 18 years old. I don't think giving children access is such a great use of taxpayer funds, thank you.

Donny Hart

I know Trustee Moser personally. She is a public service type person; she has served in AmeriCorps as a volunteer, she is a very enthusiastic person about the library system; believing it is essential. I agree with freedom of speech; I think she's a great candidate for Vice Chair. She's very active in this in this committee and you can see that. On the second point I attend these meetings online, I hear you guys comment every time, I've commented as well. I have five children, four of them are minors; almost none of you have minor children so I don't know why this really affects you; your time has passed. For the people that have minor children in the home, if you have if you have an issue, if your child – if my child goes and grabs something off the shelf and I'm not there, that's on me, and if my child's old enough where I don't have to be directly supervising and grabbing material, it doesn't really put that down based on our value system; that's on me as well. I don't know why we have to put this on somebody else or have to destroy each other's rights. The library is a sanctuary of free speech – that's the beauty of this country; that is, we can say what's on our minds, we can share those thoughts, we can hear different thoughts. Thank you.

Bri Schmidt

I just want to say first off thank you to all the trustees for making the time to be here tonight and also appreciation for Washoe County Library people making sure it's safe here. Thank you everybody as making it possible for these to happen and to also make it accessible to people who can't attend in person I am a lifelong read resident and a full-time Library user the library has been a source of knowledge and Enlightenment for as long as I've been able to read I used to a preschool and kindergarten teacher for those three years we would always keep the library to check out books to read if we didn't have them at school I'm here today though speaking on behalf of Silver State Equality we are here in support for Lea

Moser as Vice chair to the library board she has demonstrated a dedication to caring for our library system and our diverse populations here and her sound judgment and Leadership shows her commitment to the library and she's constantly seeing what the best decision is for the library her previous experiences in public health information and decision making she has been on the board since 2022 and working hard to protect the library since her appointment through this experience she has the ability to succeed as Vice chair with about a year prior born experience the library is not just a stepping stone for Leah she's on the board to create meaningful change and protect the ability of everyone to access such an important Public Service libraries are a sacred place for everybody to come and read whatever it is that they need to and I trust Lea to be the vice chair of the library and be able to make sure that that can happen for everybody thank you.

Jessica Munger

I am a Reno resident, mother of a small child, voter, reader, and like all of us, lover of the public library system. I'm just here to support Lea Moser as Vice Chair because she's engaged with the community in a variety of ways and she values diversity and Freedom of Information. That's all; thank you.

Fred Myer

Welcome and Ann Silver; appreciate new blood on the board. I am here to support and condemn the library system at the same time. I'm sure everybody no matter what they said from this Podium supports the library system; you know we are in support but we have issues so you can have both those things simultaneously, just be aware of that – are there any limits on what is defined as porn in these days? I guess it seems you know, 30 years ago, we wouldn't be talking about this. I wonder who initiated the drag queen story hour; how did that come about in our in our system here? Jeff, was it you, or I mean some of one of you guys brought it in? That's kind of interesting why you thought it was necessary, what value you thought there was in it. I really question it; seems very strange. The books once again, everybody likes to use that, seems like on one side of the issue as they fight you, we're not talking about the BS books. If an adult wants to come here and check out any one of the books that are available and some are disgusting and maybe shouldn't be but it's a free country, they can come and do that. For the children, we just want some limits put on this so that kids can't come in and grab this stuff. You know that's what we're asking for.

Valerie Fiannaca (Online)

Welcome Ms. Silver and Ms. Jacks and thank you to the rest of the board for your service. It's a thankless job a lot of times. Thank you for adding the Pledge to the agenda; it's been a pet peeve of mine for a couple of years now. I would also like to address an article that was published in the most recent edition of the library newsletter; the topic was Nazis and book burning and censoring. This may have been an important topic save for several important points. First, after using my public comment time to recite the pledge at this meeting, I was called a fascist by a speaker who is present tonight. Secondly, the author, a UNR Professor who is in attendance at this meeting, used a link in his article to public comment at the library board meeting – highly inappropriate. Third, Jeff Scott used particularly bad judgment during these

highly charged political times and allowing an article of this nature with a link like that to go out to our entire community – please think about this when you begin your evaluation of our library director. I would like to point out something that I think a lot about because I go to a lot of meetings, but our County Commissioners frequently do Town Halls. They do bike rides with citizens, they do coffees all the time, as do our school trustees, so stating that our newest library board trustees shouldn't do that is just wrong. Drag Queen Story Hour advertising should surely be audited and it should be compared; I think that's going down a useless waste of time rabbit hole, but if you want to do that, I mean, we could compare that, how much we'd much rather hear from our library board trustees and get to know them on a personal level and be able to carry on conversations with them than fight you on Drag Queen Story Hour. I think it's the only one of the very few issues that brings most people to these meetings and is going to bring lawsuits to our County. It just brings a lot of controversy which is so unnecessary. That's all I need to say tonight, thank you.

Mary Jones

I just wanted to make a correction to Mr. Park's comment. The person he's talking about who quit was not the Friends' president. There are hundreds of us that have raised funds, it's not one person raising a million dollars, and we've done it for over 30 years. This person was just part of the steering committee. There were two people; I'd just like to clarify that. I'm also a resident and a taxpayer. Thank you for the library and thank you to the library staff; thank you.

Alan Munson

I am a Washoe County and Sparks resident. First of all, I want to congratulate the two new board members. Our libraries are very good and they're very welcoming places. I have a master's degree in social work, and I've worked with people for about 30 years of my life, then I started my own business and I was a parent of two children and have a grandchild right now. I know somebody said well if you don't have children now you don't really have anything to say; number one, I understand people and helping people in their needs, and I'm concerned. It's been expressed before about the Drag Story Hour; it's just not something for young people. I personally think exposing young people to hetero or homosexual or whatever sexuality when they're young is not a good thing. That's my concern; that that program be reviewed. Some people have said that as a citizen I'm a minority, one person, but we all have a right to speak and what we say needs to be considered. Free speech always has to be considered. You have to watch your speech, what you say; it's not totally free, it's with consideration. I thank you for all that you're doing; I go in these libraries and people are very kind and very nice and it's not an easy job; I thank you for coming and wanting to volunteer. Just consider what people are saying; we are taxpayers, we're concerned. You know how our money is spent for different programs. Generally, 99% are awesome, so thank you. That's all I have to say.

Clif Nellis

Welcome to the new trustees. The drag queen story hours are the tip of the iceberg; we have major problems with Mr. Scott. I have articles here from 2014 when he was the Library Director 10 months in

Berkeley; not the most conservative place in the country. Moveon.org got a petition, and that's not a conservative organization either by the way, it's a very leftist organization supported by Bill Clinton. They got a petition to remove him because he had purged 40,000 books of that library system and every one, all these leftists here I see, they're talking about us being book banners. Mr. Scott knows the history and that for some reason a year later he was hired here; I think it was Mr. Al Stoess, who I believe is an atheist. So yeah, I want kids to read books instead of being bombarded with radiation looking at a computer screen, but I want our library system to represent all of the people of the community and we've got people of faith in this community and what he did is I know he purged tons of books that were either Christian or traditional or whatever.

I'm wondering if I brought a bunch of books in and gave them to the library, like books on creation research or things like that, pronouns or creation theory, then would those be put on the shelf? Probably not. I think if you're an atheist, you feel very comfortable coming to this library, because he's had eight years to purge books. We need someone that represents the whole community, and he is a leftist, he's got his crew here. We need someone that is representative of all of us, and these books – they got a 200-page book and two pages of porn, and hidden in the shelves so the young people, they pick up this book – a it's some 'Blue' thing or whatever – and then they – their brains are like sponges. We have to protect the children. Child abuse is not acceptable. It's not acceptable if you send your kid to school with bruises on them, right? And we can't be bruising our children in this Library System. I agree with the concept of having a separate place for the books, that's fine, but it should not be in the children's section, and it should have warning labels on it if it is sexually promiscuous. We don't believe in that; a lot of us I don't believe in that. We need a new director. I can give you these guys articles; 40,000 books and he also pretty much fired a bunch of Librarians, so I'm sure he stocked the library system with radical Librarians too in the last eight years, so we need to change them also. You know you're done, we know we need to change, why don't you find some other place. Thank you.

Robert Dalton

Thank you for having us this evening. A couple of my nieces want to Drag Queen Story Hour recently and they had such a good time. The moms let them dress up; they learned a new story that they hadn't heard before. They had fun and they were quizzical, they were asking questions, their mom said they came home and they just wanted to read more books. They were introduced a book that they hadn't of heard before and they had a good time. I heard someone earlier say it's time to start putting some books in locks – well I went through that when I was in high school. I wanted to read books about being gay and being lesbian and all those books were behind locked cases, and I wasn't allowed to read them, wasn't allowed to access them unless my parents allowed me to do so, or unless I had my parent with me, and that was wrong. That was wrong – I was a teenager, I was looking for answers, and I wasn't able to get those answers even in my own public library. So I applaud the libraries having books open and accessible to all of our children.

As somebody else earlier said, books and ideas are the future, are the minds that opens everybody up, and that's what we need to continue to do. Director Scott has done an incredible job through all these years and so have all of our libraries. I'm a family genealogist; I do a lot of research. I was disappointed when I moved here 21 years ago to find that all the books on genealogy were moved to the LDS family

history library, and they were only accessible two days a week. Our libraries are for the most part open a lot more than that, but I went to the Northwest Library a few years ago before. I was looking for a particular genealogical book that I couldn't access anywhere else. A librarian at the Northwest Library said 'oh I can get that for you via inter-library loan' – I didn't know anything about that, but they got that book, it came and had some information about one of my ancestors, and that was the only book that I could find that had that information. So I applaud your librarians; they do incredible work. I applaud the Drag Queen Story Hour; it's really a very small percentage of what goes on in the library system. These folks, you really have your priorities mixed up when you're talking; you don't know what's really going on out there in the real world. The Drag Queen Story Hour is a powerful, wonderful thing for kids to entertain and to learn and to move forward in life, and they ask questions, it sparks their minds and creativity, when they ask questions that leads to them learning and reading more.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

a) Approval of Minutes from the Library Board Meeting of September 20, 2023 [For Possible Action]

Chair Perez wondered if he should be listed as Chair in the September minutes. DA Kaplan agreed.

Bruce Parks

Normally I would ask that my comments be read into the record but based on the minutes over the last few meetings it's irrelevant because they're not going to be recorded accurately they're going to be paraphrased if you look on the minutes that you are about to take a motion on you'll see that I'm only credited for saying couple of things which is far from the I've never been knowing to be free in science um I made a lot more comments and what those minutes reflect at this one Mr. Chair I have commented before that it is absolutely essential that the minutes reflect what should be in there. Mr. Chair your minutes have no financials in them, none. I submit to you sir that that should be a part of the minutes for every single meeting, you cannot be your job as a library trustee if you don't know what's going on with finances of this organization. Now I alluded to a little bit ago you're going to be subjected to death by power point and you will be tonight the most of it's what it's meaningless is people dislocating their shoulders to pat themselves on the back about what a great job they're doing but it's mostly meaningless it doesn't it doesn't hold any important what's important in these needs is that with the obligation to represent the public in other words your constituency although this is an elected position however if you don't know what's going on you can't be effective in your role you have to know and you're not being told at all you're being told what people want you to hear, not what you need to hear. I as trustee would want to see a breakdown of the financials every single month. In one of my other capacities, I do get a financial report on a monthly basis a very complete concise line item financial report exactly where you serve and the rest of the board do not have a clue; I think you need to find out.

William Puchert

I just would like to say most meeting minutes are paraphrased; this is just a way for certain people to get their propaganda on the record to be used for nefarious purposes, it's obvious, and again it's politicizing your board. Continue what you're doing and to the new trustees, please for reason you know I came out here I don't want to do this but I'm afraid for the future. You've got an orchestrated movement to try and ban books and get rid of diversity programs. As you hear the gentleman over there, it helped him. As a young as a young kid, he did not have access. If we start to do this, where does it end, you know? We become like Islamic Jihad; that's going and attacking Israel if we go down this road. Let's be respectful. I'm being bombastic now, but think about the road that we are taking. Finally, whether you like the trustees or the director or not, one of the proper rules of decorum is not to refer to the Director as Jeff or Mr. Scott; it's Director Scott, and the Trustees by their titles, not just "Frank" or some casual thing. That's what you do as appointed Representatives; you deserve to be respected whether people like you or not. Thank you.

Nichelle Hull

Regarding the approval of minutes and last month and something that I wanted to mention last month and have included but since it wasn't I'll just do it right now briefly is that since June there have been four police reports made against director Jeff Scott there have been at least one HR complaint to the county as far as I know that I'm aware of there is at least one lawsuit and who is that under that is under the leadership and because of the pseudo leadership of Jeff Scott when did that happen prior to when has that much controversy and you know what happened before Jeff Scott and what is the duty of these trustees it is to you know it is to provide a good environment okay for the library associated with the library system and right now the vibe in the community regarding all of this stuff it stinks and you guys are supposed to stand up and be responsible and be grown up and be mature and be adult and be responsive to this body to the community this stuff is in the paper it's everywhere and it's under Director Scotts you know during his term so you guys need to be the responsible body you all need to stand up and do the right thing stop being silent we're talking about we're talking about the minutes for the last meeting well I would like my comments right now to be included in this set of minutes per NRS statute verbatim not paraphrase thank you chair Perez and I whatever and I would appreciate chair Perez if you would take the leadership role if because you are on the board at Pine Crest Academy charter you attend a Catholic church so I'm quite confused chair Perez about why you allow these things to go on thank you so much I'm using plenty of decorum I'm not using bad language I'm not calling anybody names thank you.

On motion by Trustee Rogers, seconded by Trustee Moser, which motion duly carried 4 to 1 with Chair Perez, Trustee Moser, Trustee Rogers, and Trustee Silver voting "yea" in favor and Trustee Jacks voting "nay" in opposition, the Board approved the minutes of the Library Board Meeting of September 20, 2023.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Proclamation for National Friends of Libraries Week: Presented by Washoe County Commissioner Garcia [Non-Action Item] (*moved to top of agenda*)

- b) Library Board Trustee Introductions [Non-Action Item]

New Library Board Members Trustee Silver and Trustee Jacks introduced themselves; bios for all trustees were included in the Library Board packet.

- c) Election of Vice-Chair for Library Board of Trustees Fiscal Year 2023-2024 [For Possible Action]

Chair Perez praised Trustee Moser and nominated her for Vice Chair, briefly discussing her time on the board.

Trustee Rogers nominated himself for Vice Chair, highlighting his financial and program experience. Trustee Silver supported Trustee Rogers' nomination.

Trustee Jacks nominated herself for Vice Chair, reviewing her outreach and thorough preparation for the board meeting.

Chair Perez proposed a motion to elect Trustee Moser as Vice Chair for the Library Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. In response, Trustee Moser discussed her applicable skills and abilities concerning the budget and the tax initiative.

Trustee Rogers responded by reiterating his own strengths, and stated he could not support Trustee Moser's election to Vice Chair.

A call for public comment was made before the Board vote.

Bruce Parks

It seems like the deck is stacked once again. I would like to point out, Mr. Chair, I understand that your library director may be asking for clarification; he has no voice at this table, just a reminder. You run these; he speaks when you need input from him.

I could not in clear conscience support Trustee Moser for Vice chair of this board or any board for that matter based on her demonstrated behavior at these meetings; she never once engaged with the community, never once called the former Chair on her breaching of the rules; not once has she been an active participant in these board meetings ever; we need better than that. Now I understand Mr. Rogers has qualifications; none of the qualifications that he mentioned are not embodied in Ms. Jacks,

or for that matter in Ms. Silver. I consider Mr. Rogers a County retread; what do I mean by that? He served on every board you think of. We need fresh blood here, we need fresh thoughts and ideas, we don't need the same old same old same old. I appreciate the County Commission finally stepping up and doing their job; I mean Mr. Rogers here was appointed to a position that had been open since July of 2022, which is reprehensible, but that's not on you guys, that's on the County Commission. Now I know that retread might be a harsh word, and Ms. Silver I know that you served on several boards too, please don't take my comments personal, I'm just saying we have two brand new board members here and you're not even going to consider one of them. Mr. Rogers hasn't been here that long; Ms. Moser been here for quite some time but hasn't done anything. I haven't seen that much from Mr. Rogers either. But to ignore someone who has not even been in the position a month and is already engaging with the community, if you're going to ignore that, shame on you.

Janet Butcher

Longevity isn't necessarily the most important qualification one of the things. I've noticed tonight and I've heard a few people make a comment about needing a little bit of education on Roberts Rules of Order. Maybe some of you don't know what that is but there is going to be an education on 10/25. I'll send out information so maybe we'll see you there. I have to agree that the tenacity and the ability to reach out to the community right at the back was absolutely incredible; she cares and I would say Gianna is probably the person that you want to take a look at. I love the fact that she is reaching out to the community so I think she's a good one.

Nichelle Hull

Regarding the Vice Chair you know I have to agree with these other commenters on Trustee Moser. I've been around Trustee Moser for a year and I've never seen leadership. Now tonight I saw it asking about you know the finances and that was awesome, so I think you're you know you're on the path, but I have not seen it thus far, in fact you know you made the comment that you know you who were going to be interested in hearing from people that have not yet been heard, people that have a difficult time being heard, and Trustee Moser, this group started coming in 2019 regarding Drag Queen Story Hour. In 2020, 2021, 22 and 23, and the year that you've been here, this is the group that has not been heard.

We outnumber the opposing idea for yes on Drag Queens, yes on pride festival for youth, yes on inappropriate materials in the children's section; they are consistently a small number compared to the rest of us and so we have been talking to you guys since 2019, but for you a year I've never heard you ever say anything supportive. I've emailed you, never received anything back, so with regards to a

Vice Chair or we want a leader. A leader listens to already create a space to listen to the community that's leadership. Anybody could do that, like Bruce Parks was saying, you know, please do that, I mean that would be wonderful, that's leadership. So I think, I guess, that's it, but the idea of sanctuaries, the

library being a sanctuary, of course I took my kids to the library, I grew up in a library, but a sanctuary indicates safety, does it not, and it's not a safe environment for children when you put those books out there where they can grab them up. And you know what's in it because we've just listed and have been emailing you guys about those books and so you know that it's going on all across the country. Are you just going to put your heads in the sand and say it's not going on? Because it is, you know that those books are here, they're available for any kiddo and it's a total minority that says that's okay, so you need to listen to the majority, you need to be sensitive to the community and the standards that they are putting out there for you.

Cliff Nellis

Well there might be split vote here. Mr. Rogers you might be great, but I want to give my voice and support for Ms. Jacks. I think she would represent those of us on kind of the other side of Mr. Scott and give balance to the to the library system. Like I said before it's not just the Drag Queens in the library but it's all the books. We need books in this library system that represent the traditional American point of view which is Protestant Christian.

I know Mr. Perez if you're a Christian, that's a good question too, but I mean the atheist point of view is very strong, and a lot of pastors who are atheists and you know and of some different types of denominations, but you know we had a whole bunch of Hispanics here you should watch, you should look at some of the previous videos. The whole Hispanic Community is on our side, yeah they don't want their children abused either, they want to protect the children, but they want their children to believe in God and they want their children to be able to come to a library and get something more than just the atheist point of view. I know if I bought some creation science books and offer them to Mr. Scott, saying hey can you put these on the shelf, I spent 20 bucks these – they would be in the trash can because you know what he did in Berkeley. He didn't send the 40,000 books to the Friends of the Library, he sent them to the trash can to be recycled, and that was one of the big scandals right there. They were supposed to be sent to the Friends of the Library and the Friends of the Library Berkeley were really mad at him because they didn't get the money off the books. So yeah, we really need somebody that represents us. We'll see how this happens.

Roger Edwards

I am a Christian 50-year resident military public servant my whole life and you know I have a kind of a unique position; I was probably the only person in history that got thrown out of one of these meetings before it even started. The last meeting in this building, in this place, I commented because of my background, I'm sure maybe my Christian background, I don't know, they get kind of confused about not having the pledge released at the beginning of the meeting, all public meetings – and believe me I've been the chair and the vice chair of many public groups and I worked at the Planning Commission

for the County from '08 to '16. I worked with Mr. Rogers; he sounds like a great guy, very qualified, but when I got thrown out of this meeting, I didn't see Trustee Moser chasing me down the aisle saying wait a second, I didn't see her doing anything. The Library Board has a unique opportunity right now because of the crisis that's going on in our community to really be a leader in getting messages out to the community. You've got some books out here that are just amazing and that can make a big difference in so many kids' lives. My great grandkids are going to be starting here shortly. But anyway, I would say that we need the vitality and the effort and the ability to step in in case Chair Perez is not available; that's the job of the vice chair to take the meeting over and to run it. I think that Trustee Moser would not be a good choice. Thank you.

Schayden Gorai

I really wasn't planning on coming here, I came pretty late, but for the part that I was able to reach, I thought Ms. Silver brought up a really great point in her introduction about the keyword of democracy. I think it's very important to sometimes have someone who's second in command that maybe doesn't always agree 100% with what the others are doing. I might just be the youngest person in this room or one of the youngest people in this room so take that with the weight that it carries, but we're the next generation here and I think it's important to get more young people out here. Also, that the board meetings are run a little more efficiently, and I think there's only one trustee on this board that has Robert's Rules cards on them now, or Robert's Rules training. We all know who that is, and I think having someone that doesn't will always 100% vote with what the chair or the others are doing. It is probably a better idea for democracy like Ms. Silver has mentioned, if we really believe in democracy, I think it's important to support sometimes someone with a different view on certain things. Thank you.

Gayle Townsend

I would like to point out that this group here has a certain point of view, and I don't think they really represent the community. You have three nominations and five people on the board; I'm not sure how you will vote, but if you do really want to hear from the community, I think that the board in general should be representative of the community, not one particular group. I think unfortunately Trustee Jacks very definitely represents this group. I know she hasn't reached out to the whole entire County, and I think it is going to be difficult for you to make a choice. Thank you.

Alan Munson

Resident of Washoe County and Sparks; I just want to comment that some people think, well first of all, I'm representing myself and my family that lives here, and you know it's like a small voiceless group, but don't we all have reason to speak? I'm not representing any group, but I am a citizen paying taxes here living here and I have a right to speak whether I'm a minority or whether I'm addressing whatever I'm addressing. The vice chair and the chair, I think it's a wonderful thing that there's somebody who might step out and meet with us, already set up a public meeting and is just communicating, talking. Whoever gets the job, okay, I just hope that you do that listen to the public. Thank you.

Victoria Meyer

I agree with most everyone that's talked; I think Trustee Moser has been here for quite a while, over a year, and we really haven't heard any participation or addressing of issues. The only one so far who has addressed the issues or is looking forward to addressing them I should say is Trustee Jacks. I do want to mention that we are representative of a much larger group of people, regardless of what some of you might say. Trustee Jacks got appointed and Ms. Silver, when they were appointed, there was a petition signed by 770+ people who wanted to see diversity on this board. 770 people in 10 days who stood up and signed a petition directly relating to library board seats, the two vacancies, and the impetus of the petition was to see a change in direction of this board. So for some of you to get up here and say that we're the minority is kind of ridiculous. I think that petition now has over a thousand signatures.

I would support Trustee Jacks as Vice Chair. I think that also when the Chairperson retires, the Vice Chair steps up. You have Trustee Perez and there needs to be a nomination of a new Chair as well, but I do want to say too that this has been a summer of a lot of controversy for the library events. With Drag Queen Story Hour not any of you who have been on the board stood up and heard our concerns. There have been police reports filed against Mr. Scott; Human Resources complaints. The crowd that has attended the Drag Queen Story Hours have been bullies to other patrons, and patrons have been barred from entering the building to use the bathroom, having to ask permission to enter our publicly funded taxpayer buildings to use the bathroom. People have been pushed, people have had rainbow umbrellas shoved in their faces, and when we talk about diversity and bullying, it's really not coming from our side. Thank you.

Will Puchert

I've noticed Trustee Moser has been quiet, but that tells me she listens, and if it's not the will of the board to nominate her, raise her up to Vice Chair, then I think we need a consensus person. I think I made it clear who I'm very suspicious of and the orchestrated effort out here tonight, but who I think would bring consensus if Trustee Moser is not appointed, is Trustee Silver, who is the head of our local Chamber, she works with different business interests in the community. If it's not Trustee Moser who I hope it is, I think Trustee Silver would be a good choice to find some sort of consensus. I think at the end of the day that's what everybody is looking for, and I hope that just me suggesting that does not disqualify her. We want to have reasonable people on the board and not people going after a certain agenda. Thank you.

Reva Crump

I may step on a few toes, but I will say my observations of Trustee Moser are that she has been almost completely silent for the last year she's been on board. She had an anger management outburst at the first Library Board meeting I ever attended; Trustee Ghilieri reined her in and then she learned not to speak to the public in public. But it wasn't nice, and it wasn't pretty. In the last year she did not ask any questions about the finances at all, in fact she hardly asked any questions whatsoever. Mr. Rogers, we have not met, but at the Incline Village meeting, which was your first meeting, you were the only

trustee to drive up there, although you were not able to vote as a trustee because were not effectively on the board yet. Since you sat on so many boards before you should have known when your date of effectiveness was, so when it was suggested that you were okay to go ahead and vote by the Library Director and you didn't speak up either, you should have known better. We've read your biography and you've been on multiple committees.

You should know Ms. Jacks does have budgeting background through the tax firm, she can read the IRS, she can certainly interpret dollars and cents and line items, but of all the trustees, when many, many emails were sent and they did not have their own email accounts, not one single trustee bothered to ask when we were out here talking about the emails that were sent to you – we knew they were sent because we also blind sent them to an email to make sure they went out – not one trustee asked about them, 40 emails, if they weren't copied to them or they hadn't received them, no one cared enough to ask. Just be silent and get through meetings. I've had one trustee which I've written a couple emails to because we got a new board, and apparently I hit send way too frequently, but I have had one actually acknowledge that I sent the email. They're not agreeing, they're not disagreeing; they're just acknowledging that the email I sent made it to their inbox and was received. That is proper business protocol, and we have one trustee that could do that so far, and that happened to be Trustee Jacks.

At the conclusion of public comment, *Trustee Moser nominated Trustee Silver for Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.* Trustee Moser explained Trustee Silver would be a good consensus candidate for the position and praised her financial background.

Trustee Rogers praised Trustee Silver, but explained he would not support her nomination due to her short time on the Board.

*On motion by Trustee Moser, seconded by Chair Perez, which motion failed 3 to 2 with Chair Perez and Trustee Moser voting “yea” in favor, and Trustees Silver, Jacks, and Rogers voting “nay” in opposition, Trustee Silver was **not** selected Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.*

Yea (2)
Perez; Moser

Nay (3)
Rogers; Silver; Jacks

Motion Fails 3 votes nay to 2 votes yea.

Trustee Silver expressed gratitude for the nomination, but stated she could not accept. She indicated she would, however, support Trustee Rogers for Vice Chair.

Chair Perez called for a brief recess at 7:05 PM.

Chair Perez re-convened the meeting at 7:10 PM.

Trustee Silver requested her name be withdrawn from consideration for the position of Vice Chair for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Trustee Jacks nominated herself for the position of Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Trustee Moser seconded the motion.

Trustee Rogers stated he would not support Trustee Jacks' nomination for Vice Chair.

Trustee Jacks reiterated her qualifications for the position of the Vice Chair, including her preparation for the Library Board meeting and work done to educate herself about the library system and its operations.

Public comment was opened before the Board vote.

Fred Myer

Let's do it, let's get this done. Don't you want to go home? She would like the job; she sounds qualified for the job; you seem to know that.

Victoria Myer

My understanding is that Trustee Jacks asked to meet with everyone here; I think she tried, she certainly reached out to the community. I'm with the previous guy; let's get this vote going and get her appointed and move on.

Nichelle Hull

I just think it's humorous that the folks that want to be Vice Chair didn't have any kind of solid items to point to in terms of homework or preparation that they did, any documents that they could refer to, not one. Everybody wants to be a Vice Chair but there's only one person who extended herself to the community, came in here with all the stuff that she printed off her home printer, and is really fighting, you know, verbally to say why she would be good, and I think it's great that you don't have a bunch of friends in the County and are not super familiar with the ins and outs of budgeting. If you can run a tax business, I'm sure you're more than capable of handling a financial report for this Library Board which seems very not together this evening. It's like you guys don't know anything about Robert's Rules; you don't know when to do this or when to do that, and she's got some kind of little cheat sheet up there for Robert's Rules, so she's even got that face covered.

Bruce Parks

Let's talk about diversity; there's no diversity on this board, or at least there hasn't been for a very long time. It was a condition that I brought up to the county commission; I pointed out to them that

the majority of the boards, committees, and everything else throughout Washoe County are extremely tilted. They are not diverse they are not inclusive and the last thing that they do is represent the demographics of Washoe County in any way shape or form. It's a rarity that you get any kind of balance on any of our boards.

Right now as I see it there's a little bit of balance to the makeup of this board but as I see things playing out here I notice that when it comes to the leadership of this board it all seems to want to go back to that same old tired you know. I agree with some of the comments that have been made previously, I've seen no leadership whatsoever from Ms. Moser, no leadership – now to his credit, Mr. Rogers has only been at two meetings – you all cancelled the August meeting so he was here for the July meeting and he was here for the September meeting and here we are in October – he's only been here for two meetings so he had no more experience basically than anybody else. The ones with the most experience are the Chair and Ms. Moser and well, you're the Chair sir and since Ms. Moser has not demonstrated any kind of leadership or responsibility to the community that she's supposed to represent I only see one person at this neighborhood has done so. I reiterate one of the previous comments; all the emails I've ever sent to the library board, to your individual email accounts, the only person that's ever responded was Ms. Jacks, that's it. It wasn't I agree with what you say or you're out to lunch, no; it was simply I acknowledge your email. Professional. I usually get a very quick response from the Director and I appreciate that, by the way. We'll get into that when we get to the next agenda item where we can make public comment. Here's the right person for the job in my opinion.

Reva Crump

Well this all is coming like the one very famous quote who knows who actually said it but the definition of insanity is doing the same old thing the same old way and expecting a different result, but this board wants to have different results you cannot be putting the same old people that have been on the same old committees and they are recycled over and over; you have to do something different, something new, something fresh, and then you'll have a different outcome. This board could really use that.

Gayle Townsend

I really don't like public speaking, I but I hate being railroaded even more. I think that Ms. Jacks came here to speak to this group of people. I know her outreach was advertised; I really would have appreciated being included. I don't know how you reached out, but you did not reach out me. And so, I definitely do not support Ms. Jacks.

Cliff Nellis

I would like to start out by thanking Trustee Jacks; I don't know her and never met her before, but I really like what she said; she wants to be a neutral person and I think that's what we need. Representatives of any side basically, and I really want the libraries to have a point, I really I do, but

I mean, children do need to be protected from pornography. You don't have a table here with illegal drugs, and say 'okay hey kids, touch this cocaine', you know. So yeah, there are limits, just like Mr. Munson said, about shouting fire in a crowded theater. But I'm pretty impressed with Ms. Jacks, that's a lot of work and that's commitment to the people, so I do recommend her.

Theresa Riley

It's been an interesting evening in terms of this process here. I would like to refer back to Trustee Silver's comments about being brand new on this board. This is their very first meeting and while I very much was impressed with Ms. Jacks' enthusiasm and the mission that she was on, I honestly think that for somebody who's brand new to the board they should basically be around for a little bit longer. Yeah, Mr Rogers has been on the board a little longer and has I think some experience, he has also had more experience on commissions, but frankly I think ignorance of the of the procedures is not a strength, it's knowledge that is strength. Ms. Jacks might prove herself quite formidable and a great presence, but I think that both she and Ms. Silver should basically be on the board a little bit longer before they take on more responsibility. I don't think that that is an uncommon thing or an unreasonable thing to expect or request. Thank you.

Janet Butcher

Your initiative is what you put forth as somebody said. Well, I didn't get an invitation, but I liked what I saw tonight, I've never anything like that over the last two or three years I've been coming to these; I haven't seen an outreach at all. So based upon that, evidently Ms. Jacks is really excited about moving forward and making this board a little run smoothly again. I'm going to send out an email to you guys because there's going to be a Robert Rules of Order seminar held, I would love to see you guys there so you can know the process of that; it would be wonderful. I truly love her enthusiasm and this business, sometimes at the commission meetings we are also accused of being organized; we're not organized, we are individual citizens who believe in something, believe in the same thing. There are a lot of people here tonight I've never seen before, some of them I have met them at the commission, but that doesn't mean that we're part of an organization, that means just bottom line that we want something good for our community, and I've said this before, there are some wonderful things in there; I don't understand why Director Scott wants to take away from it. Back to Ms. Jacks; I think she's showing she does have leadership qualifications, that she cares.

William Puchert

I'll be brief; many of these people go to County Commission meetings to speak on every single item, and it is an orchestrated effort, I mean it's obvious; it's disingenuous to say it's not. In 2016 there was a sentiment to throw the bums out; we got Donald Trump and see where that went. I'm just saying I would err on the side of or choose the side of experience and temperance instead of mob rule.

Fred Myer

This is ridiculous; this is not mob rule, this is your public coming in. Folks that are passionate; yes, my wife is here, I guess you could call us a consortium, whatever you call it. I mean we're passionate about what we're here to talk to you about. Whatever it is, whenever I get up there, I don't want to be up there, this is not my gig, this is not me, this is not who I am; I am not a public speaker – but to discount us like that is ridiculous. I just want to talk about Ms. Jacks here; she's working very hard it seems. And probably the gig is not brain surgery that she's applying for, I don't need to discount it, but I'm just saying, probably everybody here is qualified to be sitting there to do the job if he's willing to do it, but a lot of people would like to see her get it; you'd probably at least shut some of us up for a little bit if you gave it to her. Thank you.

Schayden Gorai

This is the most I've ever spoken at a public meeting before, unlike some people who speak at every agenda item. I again want to just express support for Ms. Jacks. A few people said they have not received any advertisements or outreach, but Ms. Jacks may be the only trustee that has made any effort to invite or involve the public. I also think she's gone a step further, notifying people of November's and December's meetings on her flyer, still reaching out to the community every week, inviting people to the coffee shop to talk about what's going on. That's more initiative than we have seen from the rest of the board, and this is just her first official meeting. It also seems she's taken time to learn about the history of the board from her own research. There's just more knowledge and a lot more passion.

I work for the largest nonprofit youth organization in this country and that passion is what gets younger individuals involved. That's the most important part; fighting for the future generation and involving them. I think her enthusiasm would be an excellent to help grow community involvement. I also think shortening meetings and making sure they proceed in an orderly manner would be good for younger people who don't have all the time in the world to sit here for 2 to 3 hours. If we knew the process a little better, we'd slim down the meeting a lot more. Someone who has experience with Roberts Rules of Order is good.

Bruce Foster

Ms. Jacks is that she has done her homework; I don't see that from the other Trustees. When I email – and I've been emailing for a long time over a lot of different issues – except for Director Scott, who responds mostly generically – Trustee Jacks is the only Trustee who has responded.

*On motion by Trustee Jacks, seconded by Trustee Moser, which motion duly carried 3 to 1 with Chair Perez and Trustees Silver and Jacks voting “yea” in favor, Trustee Moser abstaining, and Trustee Rogers voting “nay” in opposition, Trustee Jacks was **elected** Vice Chair of the Library Board of Trustees for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.*

Yea (3)	Nay (1)	Abstain (1)
Perez; Jacks; Silver	Rogers	Moser

Motion Carries 3 votes yea to 1 vote nay and 1 abstaining.

d) Review and Possible Revision of Library Board of Trustee Bylaws [For Possible Action]

Item was tabled by the Chair.

e) Presentation and Discussion: Washoe County Library Annual Report by Library Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]

Library Director Jeff Scott provided the annual report to the library board connecting library accomplishments toward strategic initiatives.

7. REPORTS

a) Library Director Update by Director Jeff Scott [Non-Action Item]

Library Director Jeff Scott reviewed the Library Director Update.

b) Introduction of new Assistant Library Director Stacy McKenzie [Non-Action Item]

Library Director Jeff Scott introduced Assistant Library Director Stacy McKenzie.

c) Sierra View Library Presentation by Branch Manager Sarah Jaeck [Non-Action Item]

Branch Manager Sarah Jaeck provided a presentation regarding the Sierra View Library.

d) Marketing and Communication (MARCOM) Team Presentation by Development Officer Jamie Hemingway [Non-Action Item]

Development Officer Jamie Hemingway reviewed a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which was provided within the Board packet, regarding recent marketing and communication (MARCOM) team activities.

Trustee Rogers praised the report and discussed how needed the cross-functional teams were. He also inquired whether there was a liaison for Washoe County's PIO team.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

9. BOARD COMMENT

Chair Perez welcomed the new library trustees again and commented on the length of the meetings. He said they may go long but that was sometimes the nature of public comment. He asked for security at the meetings to keep the peace and ensure things ran smoothly.

Trustee Silver welcomed Vice Chair Jacks to the board and spoke in support of her appointment. Trustee Silver also discussed support for a book collection which represented everyone. She desired a different set-up for the board better to face the audience, and mentioned that the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce did not support any political candidates and was funded by member dues, not City, County, State, or Federal funds.

Trustee Moser mentioned new RTC bus routes near Washoe County libraries and discussed having a community forum with RTC to increase access in the community. She wanted to see if locations could be supplemented with bookmobile stops. She also inquired about other themed story time events like Drag Queen Story Time. Director Scott replied that the library hosted a variety of story times, from Firefighter Story Time and Sheriff Story Time to the Community Help Story Times that happened over the summer.

Trustee Moser wanted to know more about third party applications to do new types of story times. Director Scott replied that there was a process that the library board approved in May which would be wrapping up to make assessments soon. Trustee Moser also inquired about having a library fun run fundraiser.

Trustee Rogers requested a future presentation regarding the Tax Initiative and the plan for renewal.

Chair Perez stated he was always open to agenda items and requests could be sent to him.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 8:54 PM.