Board of Trustees of Morley Library

June 26, 2019

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of Morley Library was called to order at 4:30 P.M. on June 26, 2019 by Mr. Keener. The following members were present:

Ms. Coffee    Mr. Di Iorio    Mr. Keener    Ms. Lipps    Rev. Mirbel
Ms. Nasca    Mr. Malchesky    Dir. Martinez    Ms. Norman

The minutes of the May 15, 2019 regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Rev. Mirbel moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, Ms. Nasca seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Norman reviewed the May Treasurer’s Report. Ms. Nasca moved that the report be accepted, Mr. Malchesky seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Norman asked that the Board make the following reallocations within the 2019 Appropriation: in the General Fund, $1,000 to #3250 Marketing Expense from #4200 Periodicals and $700 to #4930 Circulating Boardgames from #4200 Periodicals; and in the Special Projects Fund, $950 to #3200 Communications & Publicity from #3700 Professional Services. Ms. Nasca so moved, Rev. Mirbel seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Norman distributed a discussion sheet of points to consider in planning for the 2020 General and Debt Fund Appropriations. General Fund revenues are expected to be relatively flat at $2.6MM, while expenditures may reach $3.1MM; the shortfall can be covered by the current General Fund surplus (estimated to be $1.4MM at year end 2019). She also recommended setting the Debt Service 2020 Appropriation at $655K to cover principal, interest, and service charges on the final year of the bond issue. Ms. Coffee moved approval of Resolution 2019-07 setting the 2020 General Fund Appropriation at $3.1MM and the 2020 Debt Service Fund Appropriation at $655K. Ms. Nasca seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Norman reported that Lisa Krok had been hired as Adult & Teen Services Manager effective May 31, and that Systems Administrator Nancy Kimball had retired effective June 21. She also reported that 3 part time positions were vacant due to resignations. Work has begun on filling these openings. She also noted that Teen Services Librarian Jennifer Webster had completed her MLIS degree from Kent State University and that accordingly her salary should be adjusted to position level ($21.56/hr.). Mr. Malchesky moved to approve the increase, Ms. Lipps seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Director Martinez noted that she and Ms. Norman had just returned from several very productive days at the American Library Association’s annual conference, where they attended workshops on library furnishings, the upcoming census, performance appraisals, and numerous other topics.

Director Martinez updated the Board on the status of the community survey, which has been condensed and translated into Spanish in addition to the English version.

Ms. Nasca moved that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolution 2019-08: Nancy Kimball Retirement

WHEREAS, Nancy Kimball has served as a Morley Library employee since 1985 as a Children’s Assistant, Cataloger, and Systems Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has maintained a professional, positive, and service-oriented attitude in every capacity in which she served; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has carried out her duties with exemplary dependability, dedication, and hard work; and

WHEREAS, Nancy has contributed much to the success of the Library as a skilled, supportive, and respected employee;
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the Trustees, the Staff, and the Morley Library District, the Trustees hereby express gratitude and appreciation to Nancy Kimball for 33 years of service to the Library and the Community; and be it further

RESOLVED, that Ms. Kimball will be paid 25% of her accumulated sick leave, not to exceed $2000.00.

Ms. Coffee seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Director Martinez reported on her attendance at a meeting of the Painesville City Homeless Task Force.

Director Martinez asked that the Board adopt the following resolution:

Resolution 2019-09: To thank the Ohio Senate for increasing the Public Library Fund (PLF) to 1.7% of the total General Revenue Fund (GRF) in House Bill (HB) 166 for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and to urge the Ohio House of Representatives and the Governor to maintain the provision in the final bill.

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 provide public access to the Internet, computers, and the latest technology; and

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

WHEREAS, State funding for public libraries has been cut by more than $113 million since 2001 resulting in a 23% loss in funding; and

WHEREAS, Morley Library currently receives 53% of our operating revenue from the state through the Public Library Fund; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Morley Library Board of Trustees, thank Senators John Eklund and Kenny Yuko and members of the Ohio Senate for making public libraries a priority in the state budget bill by increasing the Public Library Fund from 1.68% to 1.7% of the state’s total General Revenue Fund for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Board respectfully urges the Ohio House of Representatives and the Governor to keep the Public Library Fund at 1.7% through the Conference Committee deliberations and include the provision in the final version of HB 166.

Mr. Malchesky so moved, Rev. Mirbel seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Keener at 5:50 P.M.

Kenneth Keener, President

Catherine Nasca, Secretary