

**Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday March 14, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm

Roll Call:

President-

Vice President- Jonathan Beckford- Present

Trustee- David McKnight- Present

Secretary- Theresa Mason- Present

Mayors Alternate- Louis Copeland-Present

Karen Harris- Present

Attorney- Dan Smith- Present

April Cruz- Present

Alice

Public Participation

**Michael Marcucci ? , Esq. former executive director of the public defendant office
Why is the building (library) in terrible conditions, staff said they can't answer that question. Surprise how the building looks and are there any plans from the city on doing things for the building. (Staff was very helpful)**

Dan- I hope we can facility him as much as possible

Abisola Oshuntulu- I came to the library on last Wednesday with a colleague. I'm here on the emergency on how the library looks, she wants to have a program here

**Louis- explained to them how much money the city receives all other towns receives more
Library has been neglected for some time prior to this administration**

David- I'm going to piggy back off of what Louis said to the patrons

Michael- Does City contribute out its own budget

**Louis- In the past the last 3 years we only received \$531.00 once budget is approve by
City Council**

Michael- has city council approve budget that you presented

Louis- As long as I been on board they reduce it

**Karen- Just to be clear the amount stated early has to cover with set amount. Over 2-3
years we manage to pull some capital**

Louis- I think the board one a fantastic job

Abisola Oshuntulu- The rug in library needs to be clean so kids can come in and read

**David- explain about the degrees in the library on how we are addressing situations in the
library and find ways to get it done**

Louis- I'm interested in your suggestions, rug, and paint and clean

Karen-We are at base staffing

Abisola Oshuntulu- has an entire list of concerns

Michael- I would like to meet privately with the director, this needs to be address with the Mayor and city council

Linda Rivera- what's the time frame for the issue to be address (occ)

Trustee Concerns-

Karen- Did we decided a date for retreat we need to work on strategic plan

Louis- you are correct. I drop the ball

Karen-lets set the date. I made a commit to teach on Saturday; April 20, 2024. Theresa will get back to us

Johnathan- will make correction on minute and give back to April

Committee Report

Capital \$21,801.87

Regular business \$ 82,844.67

Working with an average of \$35,000 remains every month

This month bill list is about \$12,000 and _____ \$19,000

Estimate \$50,000 remains????

Will confirm once all bills are sent out; it's putting us back on track to handle Towana

I appreciate the residence that came out and address their concerns on how the library looks

We can ask Narine and Ramon to paint

Johnathan – will there be a problem

Louis-No they are maintenance; civil service

Louis- Carrier billing, City is only giving us \$66,000

Dave- look at the original description of work, we have to have a conversation with them

Louis- Dave we will do a conference call

Louis- did everyone review the settlement agreement

Dan- That's a privilege conversation

Johnathan- did the City give us the money

Louis- City gave us extra money for audit

Karen- when do we get to see audits?

Approval of payments of bills adding Samuel Kline

Karen motion to vote on paying bills

2nd David

All in favor

Directors Report

Karen- No issue with letting them use the room

David- security needs to happen and budget

Motion to go into close session
All in favor

Therese- Did anyone address Narine spending the night here

**David- I told Mr. Copeland that employees are at Wawa at 10 am in the morning,
we have to do prime point and security
address employee living in the building**

Theresa- do we have the proof?

David- No

Louis- Alarm system cancel last year

Karen_ can alarm be turn back on

Johnathan- we have to do a new contract

Karen- how much is that going to cost us?

Louis- \$12,000 a year alarm; \$10,000 prime point

Security \$35,000-\$45,000 employee \$60,000 pension, I would look at cost efficient

Johnathan- Barbara Faye

Louis- we can bring her back

Dan- Does Ms. McMillian know where these people are at 10 am

Karen Motion to come out of close session

Louis 2nd

Louis _I will look at increasing hours at the library

Karen- Alice bring back Barbra Faye

Theresa- What are her hours (3hrs)

Karen motion to close

Louis 2nd