

which maintains the PLF at 1.68 percent. The Governor spoke and expressed his support for public Libraries. There was a large group representing the Libraries, and they have a reputation for being a unified force, and are hoping to push for a little more than the current 1.68 percent. Some discussion of the Ohio Revised Code and a Books from Birth Foundation initiative took place.

William detailed an update on the public restroom refurbishment. IAP Government Services Group is handing the bidding process, and we've had interest from several contractors. The time line will be approximately six weeks. We are waiting on bid proposals.

William noted that the Teen Job and Volunteer Fair, was a big success and had over 150 attendees. William advised that it was National Library Week, and the Friends of Avon Lake Public Library had purchased lunch for all of our staff.

Statistics:

William advised that circulation is up 3 percent. Attendance was down slightly but Discovery Works had record attendance numbers. Some discussion of a formula error within the circulation statistics took place. Downloadable music and videos are up in numbers, largely due to marketing. Equipment is also up, and Gerry noted that a new display is in the works. William noted that there will be a wall of devices that we currently have in inventory. This is the first month we have seen a spike in usage, which is a good trend. William Beasley inquired about adult launch pads, and William noted that we removed them from the collection because they just were unpopular in our community.

William noted that the bikes will begin circulating as soon as the weather cooperates.

Unfinished Business:

Rebecca stated we will have a Strategic Planning meeting after this meeting tonight, and trustees are welcome to stay. Rebecca asked Betsey Bell to chair the committee and Betsey agreed. Rebecca advised July 25th will be the board retreat, and William noted that a lot of the detail work will be done by NEO-RLS. Betsey Bell noted we need to formulate questions, and William stated that Betsey from NEO will be the facilitator and do a big share of this work. Rebecca asked if anyone was interested in serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and Holly Moore Kowalski volunteered.

New Business:

Finance & Audit Committee members are Betsey Bell and Steve Parsons. Discussion about meeting dates took place, and it was agreed it would be sometime before the next regular meeting date of May 9, 2019. Lorie suggested sometime at the end of April, 2019, and Monday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m. was agreed upon. Lorie will send out the information ahead of the meeting, and William Rutger will post the meeting particulars. Some discussion of appropriation budgets took place and timelines to finalize the budget.

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With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. Trustees were invited to stay for a Strategic Planning meeting. The next regular meeting of the Avon Lake Board of Trustees is Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Rebecca Schaltenbrand, President

William Beasley, Secretary