Present: Ms. Botnick, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Holland, Mr. Ortmeyer, Mr. Posch and Mr. Roosa. Mr. Eummer participated via conference call.

Also Present: Nancy Levin, Director; Jana Nassif, Finance Manager; Kim DeNero-Ackroyd, Deputy Director; and Anne McFarland from the League of Women Voters.

CERTIFICATION AND NOTIFICATION
The Finance Manager certified that notification of the regular meeting of the Board of Library Trustees had been made.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MR. FISCHER
LEVY DISCUSSION
Ms. Levin reviewed a presentation titled “Meet the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library” with the Board and solicited feedback. Ohio Revise Code does not permit an entity to have levies totaling more than 10 mills. Currently the Library has 7.8 mills. The past three levies the Library has asked and received 1.9 mills. After some discussion, the Board decided it would be more financially prudent to ask for 2.2 mills in November 2014 given the uncertainty surrounding PLF funding.

RESOLUTION 27-14
To proceed with the levy, the Board needs to pass a resolution asking the County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation for the CH-UH School District, the Library’s taxing authority.

RESOLUTION:

The Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio met in regular session on June 23, 2014 with the following members present:

James Posch II, Rick Ortmeyer, James Roosa, Rob Fischer, Ron Holland, Abby Botnick

Mr. James Roosa introduced the following resolution and moved its passage:

Resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of an additional tax for the general operating expenses of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library.

R.C. Sections 5705.03, 5705.23
Additional Continuous Tax

Whereas, there exist three continuous levies for the operation of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, these being passed in 1992 (4.0 mills), 2000 (1.9 mills) and 2008 (1.9 mills); and

Whereas the Board has determined that the revenue raised by the existing levies is insufficient to adequately provide for the operating expenses of the public library and that it is necessary to levy a tax under Section 5705.23, Ohio Revised Code, for the operating expenses of the Library; and
Whereas, this Board wishes to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District at the general election to be held on Nov. 4, 2014, the question of an additional levy for the operating expenses of the Library;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Public Library, Cuyahoga County Ohio, two-thirds of all of the members thereof concurring that:

Section 1. The Board finds, determines and declares that it is necessary to assess an additional tax for the operating expenses of the Library and that the question of the approval of an additional levy be proposed to the voters of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District at the November 4, 2014 general election.

Section 2. The Cuyahoga County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the total current tax valuation of the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District and the amount to be generated during the first year of collection of a continuous tax for the benefit of the Library at a rate not exceeding 2.2 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to twenty-two cents ($0.22) for each one hundred dollars of valuation for the operating expenses of the Library.

Section 3. The Fiscal Officer of this Board is hereby authorized and directed to deliver a certified copy of this resolution to the Cuyahoga County Auditor.

Section 4. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Ms. Abby Botnick seconded the motion and, after discussion, a roll call vote was taken and the results were:

Ayes: James Posch II, Rick Ortmeyer, James Roosa, Rob Fischer, Ron Holland, Abby Botnick
Nayes: none
Board member Mr. Jeffrey Eummer was absent from the meeting for purposes of voting.

The resolution 27-14 was adopted.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.