

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
January 26, 2017  
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 12 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Joan Dagle, Althea Graves, Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Robert Lin, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Jyothi Subramaniam, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise.

Deborah Del Gais, Mark McKenney, and Pamela Vogel arrived after the roll, making the quorum 15 from that point on.

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Grace Diaz, Rochelle Lee, Ellen Schwartz.

2. Minutes

A. Graves moved that the board minutes from 12/19/16 be accepted as recorded. J. Subramaniam seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Director's Report

Jeffrey Cannell introduced Jack Martin (Director) and Aaron Peterman (Asst. Director) from PPL for their presentation: "Think Again: Transforming the Providence Public Library." Their slide show dealt with the history of PPL, with the plans for the new interior layout, and with the development of new learning initiatives, collaborations, and digitizing of collections. The plan is to break ground August 1 and complete the building project in May 2019.

4. President's Report

C. Wilmot urges everyone to please come to the Spelling Bee event at AS 220.

5. Finance Report

S. Gibbs presented the 990 Tax return which the Finance Committee approved for Board consideration. P. Vogel moved to approve the 990 Tax Return; P. Raub seconded the motion. **Vote** to approve: unanimous (15-0).

S. Gibbs presented the June 30, 2016 Audit and noted that the auditor had reviewed it as "up to accounting standards." P. Vogel moved to approve the Audit; D. Del Gais seconded the motion. **Vote** to approve: unanimous (15-0).

Income Statement ending December 31, 2016: deferred.

6. Development Report

As submitted.

7. Facilities Report

As submitted.

8. Advocacy Report

As submitted.

9. Public Comment

Karen Mcaninch stated that she was happy with the contract proposal and that she hopes the board approves it.

10. Executive Session pursuant to: RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): contract negotiations with staff union.

M. McKenney moved that the meeting go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2); T. Aguilar seconded the motion. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous.

[J. Hamidzada was recused from the Executive Session; A. Graves left before the session began.]

Motion to return to public session: M. McKenney. Second: P. Raub. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous.

11. Disclosure of vote taken in Executive Session: Motion to reject the contract proposal. **Vote:** 12-1-0. Voting in favor of the motion: Aguilar, Dagle, Del Gais, Lawrence, Lin, McKenney, Raub, Schimberg, Subramaniam, Vogel, Wilmot, Wise. Voting against the motion: Kue.

12. Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session: M. McKenney. Second: M. Lawrence. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous.

14. M. McKenney moved to adjourn the meeting. M. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary