

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
February 23, 2015
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Vice President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 13 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Grace Diaz, Margaret Gardner, Alan Gunther, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Patricia Raub, Bianca Rodriguez, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, and Ken Wise.

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Althea Graves, Mark McKenney, and Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy.

2. Minutes: M. Gardner noted that the December 14 vote in executive session was reported incorrectly in the minutes; the vote was 11 in favor and 1 abstention. A. Gunther moved that the board minutes from December 14 be accepted with the following correction to item #16: "Voting to approve: G. Cuervo, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, A. Gunther, M. Lawrence, S. Nhongvongsouthy, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, C. Wilmot, K. Wise. Abstaining: M. Gardner." D. Schimberg seconded the motion to approve the minutes as corrected; the motion passed unanimously.

3. C. Wilmot welcomed Grace Diaz, the new mayoral staff representative to the Board. She also introduced Tien Tran, library manager at South Providence.

4. Report of the Executive Committee

-The Executive Committee, meeting shortly after the death of Sister Ann Keefe, recommends to the Board that the Development Committee explore the possibility of naming SPL the South Providence Sr. Ann Keefe Memorial Library, or consider other ways to honor Sr. Ann. The recommendation was unanimously accepted by the Board

5. Director's Report: L. Marlane

-L. Marlane announced that PCL and Cranston Public Library have been named Library of the Year by the URI Graduate School of Library and Information Studies. The award will be presented on March 6; Sue Gibbs will attend and accept the award. Congratulations PCL!

-On April 7, the KML Friends will be recognized at the State House.

-Other items, as submitted.

6. Program Coordinator's Report: M. Novello

-M. Novello, M. McKenney, and L. Marlane will meet with Mayor Elorza on March 2. The Advocacy members and administration members have been working on a report for the mayor (and council), a 5-year plan for the library's needs. G. Diaz noted the increased need for library support.

-Other items as submitted.

7. Finance Report (E. Schwartz)

-Income statement ending December 31, 2014 accepted as submitted. E. Schwartz noted that the January report has been snow-delayed.

8. Development Report (M. Lawrence)

-The Committee is moving ahead with sponsors for the spring fundraiser: April 30 at Rochambeau.

-M. Lawrence announced PCL's first naming donation: a \$15,000 gift to name a bench in the children's room at Rochambeau in honor of someone who used the library as a child. At the request of the donor, any extra funds will go to purchase children's books. M. Lawrence explained that there would be a formal agreement that the Board will need to approve at its next meeting.

9. Facilities Report (S. Gibbs)

-There is an extra \$50,000 in CDGB money for Smith Hill, obtained through Councilman Hassett.

-We have obtained a HUD waiver regarding the bidding process for the work on the SH windows because the work can only be done by a specialty company. noted that the new Smith Hill roof developed a leak and that the elevator is not working.

10. Governance Report (P. Raub)

-P. Raub presented the proposed revisions to the By-Laws for the final round of comment and consideration. There was further discussion, particularly of III.4.C. regarding the selection of the staff representative to the Board. Several board members noted that the staff would be responsible for developing the procedures for the election of the staff member. J. Dagle moved acceptance of the proposed revisions to sections III and IV of the By-Laws. P. Raub seconded the motion. The vote to approve the motion to accept the revisions passed: 8-4 in favor. (K. Wise left before the vote.) Voting in favor: J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, G. Diaz, M. Gardner, B. Rodriguez, D. Schimberg, E. Schwarz, C. Wilmot. Voting against: A. Gunther, M. Lawrence, R. Lee, P. Raub.

11. Advocacy Report (P. Raub)

-As noted in the Program Coordinator's report, Advocacy has been working on the report for the

Mayor.

12. Public Comment

-D. Schimberg announced the “Value of the Book” event with Ray Rickman at KML on March 7, 12-1:30.

M. Lawrence announced the “Dear Diorama” event tomorrow evening at Rochambeau; after the event, a selection of the dioramas will be exhibited outside the City Council chambers.

-D. Furia thanked Alan Gunther for an excellent job of collecting opinions from the staff regarding issues such as the by-laws changes.

13. Adjournment

P. Raub moved to adjourn the meeting; R. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary