

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
February 27, 2017
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 13 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Judanne Hamidzada, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise. Jyothi Subramaniam arrived after the roll, making the quorum 14 from that point on.

Absent: Tony Aguilar, Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Grace Diaz, Althea Graves, Christine Kue, Robert Lin.

2. Minutes

M. McKenney moved that the board minutes from 1/26/17 be accepted as recorded. M. Lawrence seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

M. Lawrence moved that the minutes of 2/11/17 (special meeting) be approved as corrected (spelling of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich). Second: M. McKenney. Motion approved unanimously.

M. McKenney moved that the minutes of 2/13/17 (special meeting) be approved with the following corrections: Pam Vogel was present; vote totals were all 13-0. Second: C. Wilmot. Motion approved unanimously.

3. President's Report

C. Wilmot announced that Christian Caldarone was resigning from the Board; the good news is that he will be happy to consult on facilities issues. P. Raub expressed the appreciation all board members feel for Christian's service to PCL. D. Del Gais noted that the Facilities Committee will miss him. C. Wilmot stated that a suitable expression of the board's gratitude will be determined.

4. Director's Report

As submitted.

5. Finance Report

Income Statement ending December 31, 2016: P. Vogel moved to approve; P. Raub seconded. **Vote:** 14-0.

Income Statement ending January 31, 2017: M. McKenney moved to approve; M. Lawrence seconded. **Vote:** 14-0.

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

J. Cannell discussed PCL’s past reliance on fundraising for operating expenses instead of for big projects as is more typical for libraries, and he explained that his intention is to change this through strategic planning. S. Kumins reviewed the various donor/funder categories and the methods used to solicit from each category.

The June fundraiser, honoring Senator Jack Reed, will be at Hotel Providence, and IGT will again be the lead sponsor.

7. Facilities Report

As submitted. D. Del Gais noted that Olneyville may be opening in May.

8. Advocacy Report

As submitted. P. Raub gave a RILA update and the state funding formula. RILA’s objectives for this year: no changes to the formula until the full 25% GIA is achieved; after that, the formula should be adjusted so that 20% is divided among the libraries according to population.

9. Public Comment

Karen McAninch stated that she was disturbed by last month’s decision by the Board to turn down the contract proposal and that she had hoped for common ground on staff compensation and benefits.

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); P. Vogel seconded the motion. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous.
[J. Hamidzada was recused from the Executive Session.]

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

11. Disclosure of vote taken in Executive Session: Motion to approve the contract proposal. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous. (Chiaradio, Dagle, Del Gais, Lawrence, Lee, McKenney, Raub, Schimberg, Schwartz, Subramaniam, Vogel, Wilmot, Wise.)
12. Motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session: M. McKenney. Second: C. Wilmot. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous.
14. R. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. E. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary