

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
April 17, 2017  
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:09 pm.  
Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 15 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Grace Diaz, Althea Graves, Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise.

Absent: Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Robert Lin, Mark McKenney, Jyothi Subramaniam.

2. Minutes

P. Vogel moved that the board minutes from 3/20/17 be accepted as recorded.  
D. Del Gais seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

3. President's Report

C. Wilmot reported that meetings so far have been held with all but four City Council members. She also reported that in a meeting with J. Cannell and Speaker Mattiello, the Speaker encouraged PCL to advocate for support. She announced that Mayor Elorza is scheduled to attend the June meeting and urged board members to attend. She asked board members to contact her with ideas for the May meeting.

4. Director's Report

J. Cannell noted that Money Smart would be starting soon with 39 workshops, presentations, etc. at all locations and for all ages, sponsored by Santander. He raised the idea of having a high school student on the board. The suggestion was referred to the Governance Committee; P. Vogel suggested tapping a York teen. He also noted that food donations (from Amnesty Week) were dropped off today at the RI Food Bank.  
P. Raub asked for more information regarding circulation statistics; discussion followed, including in person vs. visits, programs for children vs. adults and other issues.

5. Finance Committee Report

E. Schwartz presented the Income Statement ending March 31, 2017; P. Vogel moved to accept and approve; A. Graves seconded. **Vote:** 15-0.

6. Development Committee Report

M. Lawrence reported that invitations for the spring fundraiser are being printed and will be in the mail by May 1. He urged board members to reach out to sell raffle tickets. Sponsorships to date total \$25,000; the target is \$35,000.

7. Facilities Committee Report

As submitted. D. Del Gais noted that the hope remains that Olneyville will open in May. P. Vogel asked if the cost of putting the library back together is covered by insurance. S. Gibbs replied yes, about 98% is covered, excluding staff time.

8. Advocacy Committee Report

T. Aguilar reported that the RILA and COLA TV spot (advocating for state support) will be shooting the week of April 17 in Westerly, Cumberland, Jamestown, and at Knight Memorial. G. Diaz noted that PCL has a great opportunity right now to lobby the state, before the budget process is over. She also noted that the City Council and the Mayor are still in discussion. She suggested that at most there was a two-week opportunity.

9. Public Comment

S. Gibbs: Fundraiser on May 11 for the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence.

10. D. Del Gais moved to adjourn the meeting. A. Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary