

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors minutes
April 20th, 2011
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 pm by Marcus Mitchell. Secretary Linda Kushner took a roll call of the board members, noting that 14 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Joan Dagle, Christian Caldarone, Gonzalo Cuervo, Althea Graves, Linda Kushner, Rochelle Lee, Marcus Mitchell, Patricia Raub, Maureen Romans, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise.

Absent Dale Gorton, Alan Gunther, Ann Keefe, Mark McKenney, Sharon Simpson,.

Owen Johnson, Mayor Cicilline's appointment, has submitted his resignation due to conflicts with his work schedule. His resignation was accepted with regret.

Deborah Schimberg was welcomed to the Board as the new Knight Memorial Friends group Representative

2. Minutes from March 21 2010

There were no corrections to the minutes of the March 21, 2011 board meeting. Christian Caldarone moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Patricia Raub and passed unanimously.

3. Director's report.

Laura Marlane, Interim Executive Director, reported that we will be looking into the possibility of having summer morning hours at Knight Memorial and Smith Hill in July in order to avoid summer closings due to heat. She also reported on outreach activities with the Broadband RI Project, Dorcas Place, and the Providence Friends Service and encouraged the Board to visit Fox Point's "New Your City" a fantastic art project which can be seen on Facebook. See attached report for detail.

4. Treasurers Report

Treasurer Ellen Schwartz presented the Income statement for the 8 months ending March 31, 2011 (attached.) We are within our budget but uncertainty about getting our money from the City is creating anxiety. We are looking into seeing if Master Lease money may be applied to books already purchased. If this is possible, it would loosen up some of our funds for other uses.

Cyndie Wilmot moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by Althea Graves and after discussion passed unanimously.

5. Development Report

Steve Kumins reported that we netted roughly \$12,000 from our “Laughing in the Library” Gala event. The Raffle for a Labor Day Stay in New York plus \$200 cash is still open. Board members are encouraged to buy/sell tickets.

6. Personnel report.

Joan Dagle presented the report of the Search Committee charged with conducting a limited regional search for the position of PCL Executive Director. Members of the committee are Chris Caldarone, Ken Wise, Cyndie Wilmot, Joan Dagle and Marcus Mitchell. After performing the search, the committee unanimously recommended Laura Marlane to the Board for the position of Executive Director. They were “impressed by Laura Marlane’s command of the details involved in running PCL, by her commitment to representing PCL in public, by her desire to strengthen working relationships with regional managers and staff, and by her strong work ethic.”

Ellen Schwartz moved that the Board hire Laura Marlane as the Executive Director of PCL. Linda Kushner seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was called.

The motion passed 11 to 0 with 3 abstentions.

In favor: Joan Dagle, Christian Caldarone, Gonzalo Cuervo, Linda Kushner, Marcus Mitchell, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise

Opposed: none

Abstaining: Althea Graves, Rochelle Lee and Maureen Romans,

7. Facilities report

Sue Gibbs gave a Maintenance Update: Our maintenance department has done a fabulous job redoing the bathroom and tiling both the bathroom and the hallway in the basement of Knight Memorial Library. A chain link fence has been erected to keep people from using the dangerous steps in front of Knight Memorial until they can be repaired.

Another G-Tech lab (the fifth one) will be installed in Smith Hill in May.

We are continuing to work with the both the Police and with the street workers to help insure security for our libraries.

8. Friends Committee Report.

Maureen Romans reported on two fund raising events for PCL: a PCL PAWSOX fundraiser on June 16th (tickets \$7.00) and a PCL PIZZERIA UNO fundraiser on July 15th and 16th (20% of the proceeds will come to PCL)

9 Executive Session

Linda Kushner moved that the meeting go into executive session under RIGL 42-46-5(5) Patricia Raub seconded motion. Voting in favor: Joan Dagle, Christian Caldarone, Gonzalo Cuervo, Althea Graves, Linda Kushner, Rochelle Lee, Marcus Mitchell, Patricia Raub, Maureen Romans, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise. Opposed none. Abstaining none motion passed unanimously

The Board discussed the implications of the end of leases between the City and PPL on June 30, 2011 which provide for the City to rent Knight Memorial, Mount Pleasant, Olneyville Rochambeau Smith Hill, Washington Park, and Wanskuck libraries from PPL to that date.

Motion by Althea Graves seconded by Chris Caldarone, to return to open session.

Voting in favor: Joan Dagle, Christian Caldarone, Gonzalo Cuervo, Althea Graves, Linda Kushner, Rochelle Lee, Marcus Mitchell, Patricia Raub, Maureen Romans, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise. Opposed none. Abstaining none
motion passed unanimously

10. Adjournment

Patricia Raub moved, and Gonzalo Cuervo seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kushner
Secretary