

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
April 20, 2015
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Mark McKenney called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 17 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Grace Diaz, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Bianca Rodriguez, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, and Ken Wise.

Absent: Elena Chiaradio and Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy.

2. Minutes: A. Graves moved that the board minutes from March 16 be accepted as recorded. R. Lee seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

3. M. McKenney reported that he had met with the League of Women Voters on the issue of state library funding formula. He also thanked everyone involved in advocating with City Council members who unanimously passed a resolution last night to give PCL an increase of \$250,000. He noted that this support was the result of efforts by many people over several years. P. Raub thanked the Advocacy Committee for their great efforts.

4. Report of the Executive Committee

-The Executive Committee did not meet in April.

5. Director's Report: L. Marlane

-As submitted.

-L. Marlane distributed StoryCorps at PCL material (see report); the Board applauded Leah, David, and Stephanie for this exciting project.

6. Program Coordinator's Report: M. Novello

-As submitted.

7. Finance Report (E. Schwartz)

- Income statement ending March 31, 2015 accepted as submitted.
- Auditor's Report for year ended June 30, 2014 recommended for approval by the Finance Committee; seconded P. Raub. Vote to approve: unanimous.
- PCL's 2013 Form 990 Tax Return: will go to Executive Committee for approval.

8. Development Report (S. Kumins/M. Lawrence)

-S. Kumins reported that sponsorships for the April 30 fundraising event have increased from last year. Ticket sales are also ahead of last year's grants, donations, etc. on target for meeting goals.

9. Facilities Report (S. Gibbs)

-S. Gibbs reported that Heritage Restoration was working on one of the KML windows. She also reported that she and Mike attended a facilities management seminar last week.

-Application for CDBG grant, \$180,000 for Wanskuck: P. Raub moved to approve; A. Graves seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

-Application for CDBG grant, \$30,000 for Spanish language job training (GED prep and computer skills): G. Diaz moved to approve; C. Wilmot seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Governance Report (P. Raub)

-P. Raub reported that the committee will meet next week.

11. Advocacy Report (K. Wise)

-K. Wise reported that, after meeting with G. Diaz, the committee sent the mayor a follow-up communication to show how PCL activities line up with his priorities.

-P. Raub urged Board members to send short emails to House and Senate finance committees in favor of increased library funding to distressed communities (to defray OLIS dues); G. Diaz reinforced the importance of the issue.

12. Public Comment

-D. Del Gais: MPL, April 28, 7pm, Jazz concert.

-A. Graves: SHL, April 29, 6pm, poetry event; April 28, 4-6 pm, Armenian art. Also, Children's Art work, end of the month awards.

13. Adjournment

A. Graves moved to adjourn the meeting; R. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary