

Providence Community Library

Board of Directors Minutes

May 15, 2017

Rochambeau Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 14 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Althea Graves, Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Robert Lin, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise. Rochelle Lee arrived after the roll, making the quorum 15 from that point on.

Absent: Grace Diaz, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Jyothi Subramaniam, Pam Vogel.

2. Minutes

M. Lawrence moved that the board minutes from 4/17/17 be accepted as recorded. T. Aguila seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. President's Report

To much applause, C. Wilmot announced that Olneyville Library opened today, and that the grand opening event would take place Tuesday, May 30, at 7 pm. She thanked everyone from PCL and from the community who helped get things ready. She also noted that the Money Smart events were of great interest and that they might be held over a longer period next year. She reported that she, Mark McKenney, and Jeff Cannell held advocacy meetings with Speaker Mattiello and Senator Ruggiero. M. McKenney read from a letter from Sen. President Ruggiero encouraging PCL to continue to advocate.

4. Director's Report

Jeffrey Cannell added his thanks to everyone who helped open Olneyville. He reported that PCL participated in the Robot Block Party which was great fun (sponsored by RI Students of the Future). He informed the board of a new budget process for the 2017-18 budget (see Director's report), and noted that the plan was to have a draft for the June meeting for board questions or concerns, with approval scheduled for the July meeting. He reported that the Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting and has met with the

Advocacy Committee; the committee is looking for about twenty people to implement the community outreach efforts. P. Raub and M. McKenney asked about the library statistics (included in the Director's Report); J. Cannell discussed the national and state-wide downward trends reflected also in the PCL data. He suggested one response might be to take one of our libraries to see if we can change things.

5. Finance Committee Report

Postponed.

6. Development Committee Report

M. Lawrence reported that the June 1 fundraiser at the Hotel Providence has switched to the ballroom and that Senator Jack Reed has been called away and so cannot attend; instead, Sen. Reed has prepared a video for the event. He also reported on current donations, ticket sales, and raffle sales. He reminded the board that board members and guests receive a reduced (50% off) ticket price. He reported that Providence Preservation Society is giving us 50% of their June 2 fundraiser's pre-party event. Also: PCL received a grant from the RI Historical Heritage and Preservation Commission for \$12,000 for an architect's assessment of the needs of KML; the full cost is about \$24/25,000.

7. Facilities Committee Report

D. Del Gais gave an update on the anticipated KM work and Champlin funding. She also reported on broken (vandalized) windows at SHL. R. Lee asked about summer issues at KML; D. Del Gais replied that architects do not recommend temporary fixes.

8. Governance Committee Report

P. Raub reported that plans were beginning for the annual meeting, September 18. She also reported that J. Cannell's proposal to add a teen representative to the board is under consideration by the committee. She then presented the proposed By-Laws change regarding the service of non-board members on board committees; a vote will be scheduled for the June meeting.

Proposal: By-Laws change to Section V. Committees, V.2. The President of the Board shall appoint members to the Advocacy, Development, Facilities, Finance and Governance Committees and such ad hoc committees as are needed. Proposed revision is to add: All non-board committee members will be considered for reappointment annually.

She also reported that letters were being drafted to the Mayor regarding his two unfilled positions on the board; and she noted there was also an unfilled City Council position. T. Aguilar suggested that we might want to use the state website that announces openings and accepts applications.

9. Advocacy Report

C. Wilmot congratulated T. Aguilar on the TV spot from RILA/COLA. Accolades followed from board members who have seen the spot.

As submitted.

10. Public Comment

Congratulations to Dhana Whiteing on being named Alumni of the Year at URI!

11. A. Graves moved to adjourn the meeting. M. M. McKenney seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle

Secretary