

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
May 20, 2013
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Mark McKenney called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 15 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: David Berman, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Almas Kalafian, Linda Kushner, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, and Ken Wise. Gonzalo Cuervo and Rochelle Lee arrived after the roll call.

Absent: Yamil Baez, Christian Caldarone, Kai Cameron, Dale Gorton, Ann Keefe, Matthew Lawrence, Marcus Mitchell.

2. Minutes: A. Gunther moved that the board minutes from April 22, 2013 be accepted as recorded. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by E. Schwartz and passed unanimously.

3. President Mark McKenney requested a change to the order of the agenda items since two committee chairs needed to leave early.

4. Director's Report (Laura Marlane)

-Laura congratulated the KM Friends and staff on the fabulous success of the "Step up for Knight" fundraiser. The \$23K raised will allow the work on the stairs to be completed and the finials to be put back on the roof.

-The rest of the Director's Report: as submitted.

5. Governance Report (Patricia Raub)

-P. Raub presented the revised "Duties and Responsibilities of PCL Trustees" document. Final suggestions on wording were accepted and the board unanimously approved the Document for inclusion on the new board website.

-P. Raub presented the "PCL Board Committees" document, revised with the help of committee chairs. There was discussion about nominating non-board members for committees and discussion concerning adding language about conflicts of interest. D. Berman suggested a footnote that non-board members who serve on committees also be required to comply with conflict of interest policies and

confidentiality requirements. The board unanimously approved the document for inclusion on the new board website.

-J. Dagle handed out guidelines on PCL committees and the Open Meetings Act. K. Wise requested provisions for meeting in executive session. J. Dagle will provide those guidelines as well.

6. Personnel Report (Ken Wise)
 - The committee is meeting to look at areas of the Strategic Plan.

7. Program Coordinator's Report (Sue Gibbs)
 - All are invited to the graduation of the current GED class at KML, June 8, 2-5pm.

8. Finance Report (Ellen Schwartz)
 - PCL's tax return has been completed and submitted.
 - Income-Budget statement: at end of April, we are about even.
 - Pending issues: changes to health insurance due to Affordable Care Act; some adjustments in 401K plan; new budget.

9. Development Report (Steve Kumins)
 - Champlin grant proposal has been submitted for three projects: SHL wrap-up; Wanskuck; possible relocation of Olneyville.
 - The KML fundraiser has yielded \$20500 net; additional funds continuing to come in.
 - The Spring appeal mailing will go out late May-early June.
 - The GTECH sponsored breakfast with the mayor for corporate leaders is in the works.
 - E. Chiaradio announced that GTECH will build a lab at Washington Park. Many thanks to Elena and GTECH for following through on this commitment!!

10. Facilities Report (Sue Gibbs)
 - Flyers have been distributed for meeting at SHL with architect to present plans: June 12, 6pm.
 - KML roof completed except for finials; there will be a meeting pre-construction meeting regarding the steps on Monday.
 - The Rochambeau Friends donated \$3500 for new blinds at SH.
 - The bus is at KM; plans for upgrades, refurbishing are in the works.

11. Advocacy Report
 - M. McKenney will inquire if group wishes to restart.

12. Strategic Planning Group
 - Each sub-group will be asked to review its area of the Plan by August 1.

13. New Business

-D. Schimberg reported for the Friends Council that the annual Paw Sox ticket fundraiser for this year will be the June 26 game against the Toledo Mud Hens at 7:05 pm. Tickets are \$8 each; PCL receives \$4. Tickets will be available at each library.

-Annual meeting of the Rochambeau Friends will be June 3 at 7pm with Gordon Wood as speaker.

14. Public Comment

-K. McAninch distributed a statement regarding contract negotiations. on behalf of the staff union and expressed concern that even level funding of PCL for next year would result in staff compensation falling too far behind. C. Wilmot and M. McKenney stressed that discussion of PCL's budget was not at an end and that advocacy with the City Council, for example, would be important.

15. Executive Session pursuant to:

1. RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2)—staff union negotiations

L. Kushner moved that the meeting go into executive session. A. Chatto seconded the motion. A. Gunther was recused. The motion passed unanimously (13-0). [P. Raub, K. Wise, and Al Graves left the meeting before the vote to go into Executive Session.]

A. Kalafian moved to close the minutes; R. Lee seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Cuervo moved to return to public session. E. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment

R. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; D. Del Gais seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary