

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
May 20, 2019
Rochambeau Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Patricia Raub called the meeting to order at 6:09pm with fourteen members present.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Kendra Brewster, Avital Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Joseph Morra, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise. Rochelle Lee arrived after the role call, raising the final quorum.

Absent: Jordan Day

Minutes

The April minutes were reviewed.

Deborah Del Gais moved to approve the minutes, Avital Chatto seconded, and the motion was approved by a vote of 12-0-2 (Althea Graves and Pam Vogel abstained).

Finance Committee Report

Rochelle Lee arrived, resulting in a quorum of fifteen from this point on.

Ellen Schwartz presented the April 30, 2019, financial statement. Pam Vogel moved to approve the statement, Althea Graves seconded the motion, and the motion was approved by a vote of 15-0.

There was discussion on the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve a change of PCL's bank vendor to Santander, as this would provide some additional benefit to PCL. Avital Chatto made a motion to approve, Tony Aguilar seconded, and the motion was approved by a vote of 15-0.

There was a discussion on the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve PCL's business policy. Pam Vogel proposed that the policy include the wording, "It is the policy

of PCL to comply with all federal and state regulation requirements for access to records and documents.” Tony Aguilar motioned to approve the policy with Pam Vogel’s wording, Deborah Del Gais seconded, and the motion passed 14-0-1 (Cyndie Wilmot abstained).

Development Report

Michael Bordonaro gave an update on the May 4, 2019 Over the Edge fundraising event. There was some discussion on how to improve the event, including improved signage, possible integration with another downtown celebration, and marketing improvements (e.g. increased focus on younger participants). Michael said that the recommendation for next year’s fundraising event would be made at the June Board meeting.

Other Business

Debbie Schimberg raised the issue that the Friends of Knight Library had not received an update on the proposed state of improvements and the associated costs involved. Administration was going to follow-up on the matter.

A resolution was presented whereby PCL’s Board of Directors would support the board, staff, library friends and patrons of Narragansett’s Maury Loontjens Memorial Library in their effort to lobby the Narragansett Town Council to maintain an adequate library budget and to expand and improve the library’s facilities to better serve its patrons, including those with ADA and other challenges. Cyndie Wilmot made a motion to approve, Althea Graves seconded, and the motion passed unanimously, 15-0.

Public Comment

A representative from the Knight Friends group followed-up on the Knight issue Debbie Schimberg raised above, and stressed the Friends’ concern about their lack of information on proposed improvements.

Motion to Adjourn

Ellen Schwartz moved to adjourn, Cyndie Wilmot seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously, 15-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Wise
Secretary