

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
June 17, 2013
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Mark McKenney called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

M. McKenney took the roll call of the board members, noting that 17 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Yamil Baez, David Berman, Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Gonzalo Cuervo, Deborah Del Gais, Dale Gorton, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Almas Kalafian, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Mark McKenney, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise.

Absent: Kai Cameron, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Ann Keefe, Marcus Mitchell, Patricia Raub, Linda Kushner.

2. Minutes: A. Chatto moved that the board minutes from May 20, 2013 be accepted as recorded. The motion to approve the minutes was seconded by G. Cuervo and passed unanimously.

3. President Mark McKenney noted the success of Step Up For Knight that was put together by the Friends of Knight Memorial Library. There was a wonderful community of supporters there and it raised over \$23,000 for repairs there.

4. Directors Report (Laura Marlane)

-Laura introduced our new regional manager for Rochambeau. His name is Ed Graves and we are excited about the many skills he brings to the job.

-See Directors report as submitted.

5. Program Coordinator's Report (Michelle Novello)

-Summer reading materials have been distributed to all the schools in Providence, reaching about 24,000 students.

See report for details of programs

6. Finance Report (Ellen Schwartz)

-The PCL match (2%) and contribution (4% of gross salary) to the 401(k) will be restored on July 1, 2013 in accordance with the union agreement. Ellen moved that the aforementioned be restored, Rochelle seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. See attached formal document.

-Ellen reviewed the financial statements for May and noted that we are showing a slight loss.

-The board reviewed the 2014 budget as submitted by the finance committee. There is a shortfall of \$160,989 but Ellen explained that we do have about \$100,000 carryover that we can use to make up the deficit. So the estimated deficit is \$60,989. The finance committee recommends that we proceed with normal operations until December and

reevaluate where we are. We will then make an action plan. Ellen moved that the 2014 budget be accepted as proposed. Avital seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
-The drafts of the June 30, 2012 audited financial statements were handed out for discussion. Ellen passed out a document she wrote with explanations for some of the items in the audit and there was general discussion about the audit. Avital made a motion to accept the draft of the June 30, 2012 audited financial statements as presented, Althea seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

7. Development Report(Steve Kumins)
See report as submitted.

8. Personnel Report(Ken Wise)
-There was nothing to report other than the hiring of Stacy Anter as the Children's specialist at Knight Memorial.

9. Facilities Report(Sue Gibbs and Christian Caldarone)
-See report

10. Governance
-There was nothing to report from governance

11. New Business
-Deb Schimberg talked about the upcoming PawSox game on June 26 and encouraged everyone to buy tickets to support PCL that night.

12. Public Comment
-Karen McAninch talked about the potential upcoming voluntary summer layoffs and the unfair labor practice charge that the union has filed against PCL.

13. Executive Session pursuant to:
RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) – staff union negotiations
Avital moved that the meeting go into executive session. David B seconded the motion. A. Gunther was recused. The motion passed unanimously.

Rochelle moved to seal the minutes; Cyndie W seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Cyndie moved to return to public session. Ken seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

14. Open Session Resumed
Proposal to changes in the LSC union contract:
Christian moved to accept the proposed LSC contract with one change to the wage re-opener language, subject to agreement by the union. The contract will be in effect until June 30, 2014. Avital seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

15. Adjournment
Cyndie moved to adjourn the meeting; Althea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D. Gibbs – temporary secretary for Joan Dagle