

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
June 17, 2019
Rochambeau Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Patricia Raub called the meeting to order at 6pm with nine members present.

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

Absent: Joan Dagle, Jordan Day, Althea Graves, Cyndie Wilmot.

Deborah Del Gais arrived, resulting in a quorum of ten from this point on.

Minutes

Deborah Schimberg moved to approve the May minutes, Avital Chatto seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously, 10-0.

President's Report

Patricia Raub announced that Kendra Brewster (Vice-President) and Ken Wise (Secretary) would be stepping down as officers at the end of the present term, and that nominations for officer positions would occur at the July Board Meeting (at South Providence). She also mentioned that Juana De Los Santos would be joining the Board.

Deborah Schimberg arrived, resulting in a quorum of eleven from this point on.

Margaret Gardner mentioned that the review of PCL's director had started and that a survey should be going out to the Board and Staff in mid-July.

Linda Kushner spoke briefly about pending state legislation that would reduce the reporting requirements of the RI Open Meeting Act to Board and Executive Committee meetings. This legislation had already passed in the Senate.

Director's Report

Cheryl Space spoke about the mobile library and events with giveaways at three school to improve reading levels. Cheryl also announced that PCL had run a successful table at Pride Fest.

Judanne Hamidzada announced that there would be Drag Queen Story time at Rochambeau Library on July 20th at 10:30am. There was a discussion about ways to improve publicity for the event.

Finance Committee

Ellen Schwartz presented the May 31, 2019 financial statement. Avital Chatto moved to approve the statement, Kendra Brewster seconded , and the motion was approved 11-0.

Development Report

Michael Bordonaro reviewed a detailed strategy for 2020's Over the Edge campaign for 2020 and how that strategy should provide even better results than this year's event.

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

There was a vote to approve the Over the Edge campaign in 2020. Tony Aguilar moved to approve, Pam Vogel seconded. The motion was approved unanimously, 12-0.

Other Business

The Board split up into groups for an exercise to review past accomplishments, future challenges and personal goals.

Margaret Gardner suggested that PCL should be at the forefront of partnering with the census and involving immigrant communities.

Motion to Adjourn

Avital Chatto moved to adjourn, Deborah Schimberg seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously, 12-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Wise
Secretary