Providence Community Library Board of Directors Minutes June 27, 2022 Rochambeau Library

Welcome and Call to Order:

Board meeting was called to order at 6:06 PM by Zachary Weinberger, Board President

June 2022 Board Roster:

Tony Aguilar, Anita Bench, Avital R. Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, André Herrera, Caleb Horton, Sarah Morenon, V. Raffini, Amy Rosa, Adriana Vargas, Pam Vogel, Zachary Weinberger, Cyndie Wilmot, Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge, Jordan Day, Roseanne Camacho, Gayle Gifford, Abraham Henderson, Robin Goldberg, Kathleen Stack, Hannah Kahn

Current Board composition = 22 members

Board Member(s) Present:

Deborah Del Gais, Avital R. Chatto, Jordan Day, André Herrera, Caleb Horton, Sarah Morenon, Amy Rosa, Adriana Vargas, Pam Vogel, Zachary Weinberger, Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge, Roseanne Camacho, Gayle Gifford, Robin Goldberg, Hannah Kahn

Amy Rosa joined at 6:10PM, Caleb Horton joined at 6:20PM, André Herrera joined at 6:40PM

15 Members present

Member(s) Absent:

Tony Aguilar, Anita Bench, Joan Dagle, V. Raffini, Cyndie Wilmot, Abraham Henderson, Kathleen Stack

7 Members absent

Minutes:

Update(s) to previous minutes:

-None-

Pam Vogel moved to approve the April minutes, Avital Chatto seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously 14-0 with 1 abstention from Jordan Day.

President's Report:

Guest Speaker(s): None Affiliation(s): not applicable

Topic: Welcome and Mission Moment

Introduced new board member Hannah Kahn, the Mayor's new representative to the board.

Mission Moment: Rochambeau Library has been hosting several events over the past few months. In February, Black History Month event, in April outdoor pop-up marketplace, Small Business Saturday Workshop Aimee Fontaine, supervisor Khamry Varfley, Clerk at Rochambeau Library.

Director's Report:

Cheryl highlighted that hiring has expanded recently. Funded by ARPA and the Papito Opportunity Fund. Currently two more positions are in the interview process.

Garett Locke has been promoted as the New Makers Space Program Coordinator.

Dr. Nate Ramos, has been promoted to Bilingual Community Education Coordinator, supervising South Providence and the Adult Education Program.

CLP State Aid has been increased! A lot of advocacy went into this victory. CLP is receiving \$870,000 this year and close to \$1 million next year in state aid.

Three different Mayoral debates will occur from August into September.

ARPA funds: Knight Memorial is getting 6 portable air conditioning units. New Spanish language workshops will also be funded through ARPA.

The ADA accessible ramp has been completed at Knight Memorial Library.

Adam Anderson has been hired as a landscape architect to design an outdoor classroom space at Rochambeau Library.

CLP had a booth at the Pride Festival.

There are two new circulation desks at Smith Hill and Fox Point Libraries.

Active shooter training for all staff along with substance abuse training will be incorporated soon.

Development Report:

Michael reviewed the report he submitted.

All board members are encouraged to donate.

Development committee is looking for introductions to possible donors.

There have been many online donations, several thousand new donors, and the Spring campaign is halfway to its \$25,000 goal.

Michael said we are making good connections and it is important to be seen.

Finance Committee Report:

John reviewed the balance sheet.

Zachary asked if there is a possibility to get more understanding of the Friends Groups and how they are operating, which is a topic to discuss in the next meeting.

Jordan Day motioned to accept the April 30, 2022 Financial Statement. Pam Vogel seconded and the motion was approved unanimously 15-0.

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Other Reports:

Marketing & Advocacy Committee Report:

Amy Rosa presented her report and gave an update.

Farmer's markets are back and volunteers are needed.

Looking forward to the Mayoral debates.

Exploring ideas about how to enhance cooperation between Friends groups.

QR Codes will be more prevalent throughout the libraries.

Facilities Committee:

Cheryl Space briefly reiterated her updates on the new developments happening with the grant funds and projects.

Public Comment:

-None-

Motion to Adjourn:

Jordan Day moved to adjourn, Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously, 15-0.

Respectfully submitted,

André Herrera Secretary