

**Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
July 18, 2022
Rochambeau Library**

Welcome and Call to Order:

Board meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM by Zachary Weinberger, Board President

July 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:

Tony Aguilar, Avital R. Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Gayle Gifford, Robin Goldberg, Sarah Morenon, Amy Rosa, Kathleen Stack, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Zachary Weinberger, Lynn Zagoudis-Eastridge

Pam Vogel joined at 6:07PM*

13 Members present

Member(s) Absent:

Jordan Day, André Herrera, Caleb Horton, Adriana Vargas, Roseanne Camacho, Hannah Kahn, Anita Bench, V. Raffini, Abraham Henderson

9 Members absent

Minutes:

Update(s) to previous minutes:
Garrett Locke name corrected
June board roster was updated

Avital Chatto moved to approve the June minutes, Joan Dagle seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously 13-0 with 1 abstention from Cyndie Wilmot.

President's Report & Mission Moment:

Guest Speaker(s): None

Affiliation(s): not applicable

Topic: Welcome and Mission Moment

Cheryl noted that library hours have expanded.

Quick story: Zachary's wife had 23 books on hold and they found out that the limit is 99 books on hold at a time.

What should the different Friends Groups do? Zachary shared guidance on this topic using the bylaws.

There is a document showing the Board's role and what the Friend's Group mission and vision for each can be

It is best to "provide support" for each group rather than to "mandate" or make direct requests

Friends Groups prefer a "narrow mission or focus" and act as a fundraising unit and community outreach hub

A successful Friend's Group advocates for their own library. This leads to more participation and engagement.

Friend's Groups should follow guidelines set up by the Library since each Group's members are volunteers

Sara and Sarah will create a working group to flesh out these roles/guidelines and create a document to share with the Board and vote on it.

Director's Report:

Cheryl reviewed her report detailing hires, promotions, and funding.

- Awards to support more items
- Birthday celebration
- New programs will be featured on the newsletter
- ARPA funds allocated to re-design website in English and Spanish

Deborah Del Gais motioned to approve the Community Development Block Grant Submissions. Pam Vogel seconded and the motion was approved unanimously 13-0.

Development Report:

Michael reviewed the report he submitted.

The retention report for donations is around 56% with national averages below 50%

The Fall Appeal letter will focus on reading

Finance Committee Report:

John reviewed the financial package.

Pam Vogel motioned to accept the June 30, 2022 Financial Statement. Avital Chatto seconded and the motion was approved unanimously 13-0.

Governance Report:

Board positions start a new year in September, the vice-president vacancy needs to be filled in the new elections.

Joan will reach out to those who are at their end of their service.

Some At Large Members are also up for re-election and there are vacancies that need to be filled.

Other Reports:

Facilities Committee Report: Sara gave an overview. Jean Lamb has stepped down as chair and the committee is looking for volunteers. Deborah Del Gais would like to continue to serve.

Advocacy & Marketing Committee Report: No comments/questions

Asking for volunteers for the Famer's Market

Asking for all Board members to attend at least ONE mayoral forum(s)

Public Comment:

Kathleen Stack, Representative from Wanskuck Friends group encouraged CLPVD to reach out to Rhode Island Wave. Aimee Fontaine and Cheryl Space agreed to do so.

