

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors minutes
August 30, 2011

South Providence Library

1 Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Linda Kushner.

Secretary Linda Kushner took a roll call of the board members, noting that 14 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Kai Cameron, Joan Dagle, Dale Gorton, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Anne Keefe, Linda Kushner, Deborah Del Gais, Mark McKenney, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise.

Marcus Mitchell, joined the meeting at 6:15 after the meeting had gone into executive session bring the attendance to 15.

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Gonzalo Cuervo, Rochelle Lee and Patricia Raub .

2. Director's Report: Laura Marlane reported that we need to inform OLIS by Sept 15th of the state of our funding by the city. She also reported that we are offering classes in Microsoft Office and Excel to the staff.

3. New Business:

Ellen Schwartz moved the following resolution in Memory of Councilmen Luna who died on August 18, 2011. The motion was seconded by Dale Gorton and after discussion passed unanimously.

Resolution in Memory of Councilman Miguel Luna

WHEREAS, Miguel Luna, City Councilor representing Providence's Ward 9 since 2002, was always a strong supporter of library services for the people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, he was supporter of the Library Reform Group's efforts in the years 2002-08 to gain public representation on the Board of Trustees of the Providence Public Library; and

WHEREAS, when the Providence Public Library Board of Trustees closed the Washington Park Branch Library he joined library supporters at an outdoor read-in, charming readers with his reading of Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type, a children's book which shows the value of taking collective action to stand up for one's rights; and

WHEREAS, he was one of earliest supporters of transferring the city's library services to PCL; and

WHEREAS, he worked to help improve the provision of library services for his community and was an excellent friend of PCL, and

WHEREAS his good humor and caring nature will surely be missed,

NOW THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED

1. A copy of Click Clack Moo: Cows That Type be placed in the collection of each of PCL's nine libraries with an inscription in honor of his memory; and
 2. Ten children's books be donated in his memory to the Washington Park Library, the library that directly serves his constituents; and
4. Executive Session: Joan Dagle moved that the meeting go into executive session under RIGL 42-46-5(2). Althea Graves seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Kai Cameron. Joan Dagle, Dale Gorton, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Anne Keefe, Linda Kushner, Deborah Del Gais, Mark McKenney, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise. Opposed none. Abstaining none. The motion passed unanimously.

President Marcus Mitchell, having arrived, took over conducting the meeting.

Laura Marlane presented the board with the consequences of the City having cut PCL's budget by \$305,000. The cut itself not only imperils the loss of ours and PPL's state funding, but by itself, it leaves PCL unable to operate all nine libraries. She presented various alternatives to the Board. Marcus Mitchell briefed the Board on his conversations with representatives of the City.

After discussing the various ways PCL might cope if the cut to our funding was not rescinded, yet provide the most library service to the Community with the least stress on Staff, Deborah Schinberg moved the following resolution:

"Unless PCL has received ironclad assurances from the City by our Annual Meeting on Sept 19th, that the funds removed from PCL's F2011/12 allocation are being restored, PCL will have no option but to vote at that meeting to institute rotating closures of the nine PCL libraries (one neighborhood library being closed each week) starting with the week of Oct. 3rd."

The resolution was seconded by Cyndie Wilmot and Althea Graves. After discussion it was adopted unanimously.

Mark McKenney moved that the meeting return to public session. Ellen Schwartz seconded the motion. Voting in favor: Kai Cameron. Joan Dagle, Dale Gorton, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Anne Keefe, Deborah Del Gais, Mark McKenney, Marcus Mitchell, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Chris Suchmann, Cyndie Wilmot and Ken Wise. Opposed none. Abstaining none. The motion passed unanimously.

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. Adjournment

- Anne Keefe moved, and Chris Suchmann seconded that the meeting adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

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The meeting adjourned 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kushner
Secretary