

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
October 21, 2019  
South Providence Library

Welcome and Call to Order

Vice President Tony Aguilar called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm with 12 members present.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Avital Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Althea Graves, Andre Herrera, Rochelle Lee, Paige Raposa, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Zachary Weinberger, Cyndie Wilmot. Joseph Morra and Gregory Waksmulski arrived after the roll call, making fourteen members eventually present.

Absent: Anita Bench, Kendra Brewster, Jordan Day, Patricia Raub.

Mission Moment

D. Del Gais highlighted the success of the Drag Queen Storyteller event.

Minutes: T. Aguilar moved that the board minutes from September 16 be accepted with the following corrections: the **votes** for the Election of At-Large Members (5) were: **13-0** with J. Day out of the room for these votes; the **votes** for the Election of Officers (3) were: **14-0** (with J. Day's return). Second: A. Chatto. Vote to approve as corrected: 10-0-2. A. Graves and P. Vogel abstained.

Welcome: Vice President T. Aguilar announced and welcomed new board members: Anita Bench (South Providence Friends representative); Andre Herrera (City Council appointee); Paige Raposa (At-large member); Gregory Waksmulski (Rochambeau Friends representative); Zachary Weinberger (Fox Point Friends representative).

Finance Committee Report

E. Schwartz presented the Income Statement ending September 30, 2019. She noted that this quarter was worse than usual. Also noted: PCL has a new auditor who is waiting to start. C. Wilmot moved to accept the 9/30/19 Income Statement; P. Vogel seconded the motion. **Vote:** 13-0., unanimous. (J. Morra had joined the meeting.) After the vote, E. Schwartz left the meeting, resulting in 12 members present.

Director's Report

C. Space reported on the Strategic Plan. She noted that the Board approved the main part in May 2018, but that it took longer than expected to organize the details. She noted that the three main areas remain the same reviewed details in each as outlined in her Report (previously distributed): Revenue Generation, Community Service, and Capacity Building. She clarified that each library will choose what to focus on in the Community Services section. P. Vogel expressed thanks to the SP Committee. In response to a question, C. Space stated that PCL's work with the Providence schools continues and will go on through the State takeover of the system. T. Aguilar suggested the Board

might think about a spring retreat to work through the SP. C. Space said that she would direct her Director's Report to areas of the SP.

#### Marketing and Advocacy Committee Report

T. Aguilar and C. Space announced a new 2020 campaign to contact Council members and the Mayor; the goal is 900 calls by April. PCL needs 1.5 million in addition to the budget in order to increase services that are in demand. G. Wakszulski joined the meeting, resulting in 13 members present.

#### Development Report

M. Bordonaro reported that fall fundraising letters will go out in November to current donors, past donors, and (potential) new donors with a goal of \$75,000. PCL will also participate in Giving Tuesday, using new free technology; there will be a Prov. Business Journal ad (with Boscov); PCL is part of a RI Foundation cohort (with six other non-profits) for fund development. Over the Edge: plans are in the works including for an alternative site.

#### Report on Library Director Review

Margaret Gardner, chair of the DR Committee, reviewed the process for the Board, noting that the committee received 39 responses to the evaluation survey sent to Board and staff.

#### Report on Narragansett Library

Update on our letter of support for the Library: D. Del Gais reported that the building has been sold to developers.

#### Public Comment

None.

#### Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1): annual review of the library director. Advance notice has been provided to the library director.

Motion that the meeting go into executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1): A. Chatto. Second: C. Wilmot. **Vote:** 13-0. Unanimous. M. Gardner joined the Board in Executive Session.

Motion to return to open session: A. Graves. Second: D. Del Gais. **Vote:** 13-0.

Motion to seal the minutes of the executive session: C. Wilmot. Second: A. Graves. **Vote:** 13-0.

#### Adjournment:

C. Wilmot moved to adjourn. Second: Z. Weinberger. **Vote:** 13-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Acting Secretary