

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
November 17, 2014  
South Providence Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Mark McKenney called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 11 trustees were present making a quorum.

Present: Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Matthew Lawrence, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Bianca Rodriguez, Deborah Schimberg, and Ken Wise. Rochelle Lee joined the meeting after the roll call, bringing the number of members attending to 12.

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Gonzalo Cuervo, Ann Keefe, Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy, Ellen Schwartz, and Cyndie Wilmot.

2. Minutes: A. Graves moved that the board minutes from October 20, 2014 be accepted as recorded. M. Lawrence seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Report from Executive Committee: N/A, no November meeting.

4. Director's Report: L. Marlane

-PCL's participation (Knight Memorial, Rochambeau, and Washington Park) in International Game Day, November 15, was a great success; thanks to Ed and Leah.

-L. Marlane introduced and welcomed Sarah Gluck, the new Library Manager at Olneyville.

-Other items, as submitted.

5. Program Coordinator's Report: M. Novello

-There are more libraries in the U.S. than MacDonalds.

-Starting in January, 4-6 of PCL libraries will hold Ready for K workshops for staff.

-February 2015 Amnesty Week will include a kick-off event on 2/17 at Knight Memorial to which the Mayor will be invited.

6. Finance Report (S. Gibbs)

-Income statement ending October 31, 2014 accepted as submitted.

7. Development Report (S. Kumins)
  - S. Kumins urged all Board members to contribute to the current fundraising drive, noting the importance of achieving 100% board participation over the year. To date, 12 of 20 board members have made 2014 gifts. Board members can contact Steve to review their donations.
  - The annual fundraiser is scheduled for March 19.
  
8. Facilities Report (S. Gibbs)
  - S. Gibbs reported there has been a productive meeting with Patience Jackson, the library consultant for the potential Olneyville move.
  
9. Governance Report (P. Raub)
  - The committee will report on by-laws revisions at the next meeting.
  
11. Advocacy Report (K. Wise)
  - There were 1000+ hits on GoLocalProv for the streaming of the mayoral forum; GoLocal also published an October 30 piece by M. McKenney that highlighted the fact that Providence funds its library system at a rate lower than that of any other comparable New England city.
  - On 11/25 there will be a city council hearing on the ordinance that would impose more stringent requirements on lobbying.
  - M. McKenney has contacted Victor Capellan (on the mayor's transition team) to set up a meeting .
  - The Committee is putting together a calendar for the rest of the year.
  - Marcus Mitchell thanked everyone who came to the RhodeMapRI meeting; libraries will now be highlighted. Approval is anticipated on Thursday morning.
  
12. Old Business
  - M. Gardner asked about the status of the Grice/Motte visit, scheduled for this month. S. Gibbs replied that they couldn't make it for this month; she suggested that their proposal be reviewed. It will go to the November executive committee meeting.
  
13. Public Comment
  - D. Schimberg announced that the December board meeting will begin with a potluck dinner.
  - D. Schimberg asked about the possibility of a PCL no-smoking policy for outside areas; L. Marlane replied that there already is a no smoking on library property policy.
  - D. Del Gais announced the December 13 MPL party, 10-2.
  - A. Graves announced the SHL bazaar and kids' party, December 6, 10-2; also, donations of coats, gloves, etc. to the Keep the Community Warm campaign are welcome.
  - The Wanskuck party will be on December 11.
  - Ed Graves introduced and welcomed Leah Lubman, the new Library Manager for Washington

Park.

14. Executive Session pursuant to:

RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5)—PCL-City Agreement, and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(7)—Investment of public funds.

P. Raub moved that the meeting go into executive session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(7). A. Graves seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. P. Raub moved to return to open session; M. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. R. Lee moved to seal the minutes; A. Graves seconded the motion; unanimously approved.

16. Adjournment

R. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; A. Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary