

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
December 19, 2016  
Smith Hill Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm, following the pot-luck dinner.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 13 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Avital Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Althea Graves, Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Pamela Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise.

Absent: Tony Aguilar, Christian Caldarone, Elena Chiaradio, Grace Diaz, Rochelle Lee, Robert Lin, Ellen Schwartz, Jyothi Subraminiam.

2. Minutes

A. Chatto moved that the board minutes from 11/21/16 be accepted as recorded. A. Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. President's Report

President C. Wilmot welcomed Judanne Hamidzada, the new staff representative to the board. She reminded the board of the January 28<sup>th</sup> spelling bee at AS220; suggestions for celebrity spellers should be sent to D. Schimberg. She also reminded the board that the January meeting has been moved to Thursday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at South Providence; Jack Martin, from PPL, will be guest speaker.

4. Director's Report

Jeffrey Cannell explained that he included PCL provided statistics along with his director's report in anticipation of their usefulness for strategic planning. He also noted that Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, who will help lead the strategic planning process, can come to Providence in for a board session in January or February if that's preferable to March.

5. Finance Report

Postponed.

6. Development Report

Steve Kumins reported good results to date from the fall fundraising appeal. M. McKenney noted with appreciation the 100% board participation.

7. Facilities Report

Update on Olneyville: the hope is to have all shelving and furniture ordered by mid-January.

There was discussion of the protocols of a Champlin grant for Knight Memorial. S. Gibbs reported that we have applied for a \$12,000 state grant to go toward an RFP for an architect for KM. D. Del Gais noted that the Providence Preservation Society will feature Elmwood in the spring; May lectures and registration will be at Knight.

8. Public Comment

Eileen Dyer reported that the Library Board of RI is working on a study of the state funding formula; proposals forthcoming.

9. P. Raub moved to adjourn the meeting. A. Graves and P. Vogel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary