

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
April 15, 2019
Rochambeau Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Patricia Raub called the meeting to order at 6:11pm with ten members present.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Kendra Brewster, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Joseph Morra, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot. Ken Wise and Rochelle Lee arrived after the role call, raising the final quorum.

Absent: Althea Graves, Avital Chatto, Jordan Day, Pam Vogel

President Raub announced that the meeting was to be dedicated to a presentation by Keith Tavares, Capacity Building Officer, Rhode Island Foundation. The business section of the meeting would therefore be brief, and attention was called to a table at the side of the room where posters for branch events were available.

Minutes

The March minutes were reviewed.

Ellen Schwartz moved to approve the minutes, Tony Aguilar seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 10-0.

Finance Committee Report

Ellen Schwartz presented the March 31, 2019, financial statement.

After a brief discussion, Debbie Schimberg moved to approve the statement, Margaret Gardner seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 10-0.

Ken Wise and Rochelle Lee arrived, resulting in a quorum of twelve from this point on.

Other Business

Sue Gibbs presented a motion to approve the purchase of a transit van for Everyplace Makerspace for up to \$25,000. The van is needed for transportation of IT equipment; \$15,000 of the purchase price is available from the FabNewport grant and the balance of up to \$10,000 will come out of the PCL budget. Joseph Morra underscored the importance of the purchase and explained how the van will complement the mobile library; Tony Aguilar asked about insurance and Sue Gibbs said that the cost of insurance was included in the estimated purchase price of up to \$25,000. Cyndie Wilmot asked Ellen Schwartz if the van expense would be affordable to PCL if PCL did not receive a budget increase from the City. Ellen assured the Board that in that event, the budget could be adjusted to accommodate the expense of the new vehicle.

Tony Aguilar moved to approve the purchase, Kendra Brewster seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 12-0.

Michael Bordonaro made a brief presentation regarding Over the Edge.

Keith Tavares from the Rhode Island Foundation gave a presentation on the elements of effective fundraising. There were breakout practice sessions for Board members.

Motion to Adjourn

Joan Dagle moved to adjourn, Kendra Brewster seconded, and it was approved by a vote of 12-0.

Respectfully submitted (with thanks to Deborah Del Gais for recording and transcribing the majority of these minutes)

Ken Wise
Secretary