

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
July 16, 2018
Rochambeau Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm with twelve members present.

Present: Tony Aguilar; Kendra Brewster, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Judanne Hamidzada, Patricia Raub, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise. Avital Chatto, Rochelle Lee, and Deborah Schimberg arrived after the roll, making fifteen members present from that point on.

Absent: Elena Chiaradio, Patience Landford, Matthew Lawrence.

Minutes: P. Vogel moved that the board minutes from June 18 be accepted as recorded. Second: E. Schwartz. Vote to approve: unanimous.

President's Report

C. Wilmot announced that Matthew Lawrence will step down from the board at the end of September, but that he has offered to help with Development until there is a new development director. On behalf of the board, she expressed thanks to Matthew for his service to the board.

Director's Report

C. Space reviewed highlights from her report and added that there are mini-libraries at six city rec centers.

Report on "Over the Edge"

P. Vogel distributed a report comparing the last four major fundraisers and listing details from OTE along with options for going forward with OTE for next year. The Administration will pay the necessary \$2500 deposit due by July 23. There will be a vote at the September meeting on going forward with a full contract. C. Space shared the comments of the "Over the Edge" folks to our first effort, including their observation that we could take more advantage of their services in the second year. She noted that we should consider paying the exclusivity fee again since there is another RI organization on the waiting list for next year. And she reviewed the reasons to continue OTE for a second year, including OTE's assessment that our event was impressive for a first-year effort. A. Chatto commented that it would be a shame not to try again now that we've done it; we struggle with fundraising events, so this seems better for us. J. Fuentes spoke of the successes of OTE around the country and of the need to lock in key sponsors before a public announcement. D. Del Gais noted that we would need a significant redo of our gala to be successful at that.

Finance Committee Report

E. Schwartz presented a preliminary Income Statement ending June 30, 2018.
Motion to accept: T. Aguilar. Second: D. Del Gais. **Vote:** 15-0 (unanimous)

Governance Committee Report

Selection: Slate of Nominees for Officers to present at September Annual Meeting.

President: Patricia Raub. **Vote** in favor: T. Aguilar; K. Brewster, A. Chatto, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, J. Hamidzada, R. Lee, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot, K. Wise. 15-0.

Vice President: Kendra Brewster. Vote in favor: J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, A. Graves, J. Hamidzada, P. Raub, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot.

Vice President: Tony Aguilar. Vote in favor: A. Chatto, M. Gardner, R. Lee, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, K. Wise.

Vote: K. Brewster 7; T. Aguilar 6. Abstaining: K. Brewster, T. Aguilar.

Secretary: Ken Wise. **Vote** in favor: T. Aguilar; K. Brewster, A. Chatto, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, J. Hamidzada, R. Lee, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot. Abstain: K. Wise. 14-0-1.

Treasurer: Ellen Schwartz. Vote in favor: T. Aguilar; K. Brewster, A. Chatto, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, J. Hamidzada, R. Lee, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, K. Wise.

Treasurer: Pam Vogel. Vote in favor: P. Vogel, C. Wilmot.

Vote: E. Schwartz: 13. P. Vogel: 2.

The Slate to present at annual meeting: P. Raub (President). K. Brewster (Vice President). K. Wise (Secretary), E. Schwartz (Treasurer).

Advocacy Committee Report

As submitted.

Facilities Committee Report

As submitted. Special attention: July 2 ribbon cutting and reception with Councilwoman Jo-Ann Ryan for the MPL teen/community room.

Public Comment

D. Furia noted that, like many board members and others, she was initially skeptical regarding OTE, but that changed to enthusiasm after attending the event.

Adjournment:

E. Schwartz moved to adjourn. Second: A. Graves. **Vote:** unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary