

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
July 18, 2016
South Providence Library

1 Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

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

Present: Tony Aguilar, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardiner, Althea Graves, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Grace Diaz, Alan Gunther, Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy, Rochelle Lee, Bianca Rodriquez, Pamela Vogel

- 2 Minutes: P. Raub moved that the board minutes from June 20 be accepted as recorded. T. Aguilar seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-2. Abstaining: J. Dagle and E. Schwartz.

3 President's Report and Introduction of Jeffrey Cannell, Library Director

C. Wilmot noted that Jeff Cannell has officially begun as Library Director and welcomed him to his first board meeting.

She congratulated Rod Burkett on the attendance award, and noted that the summer reading program is in full swing with wonderful events at MPL and WPL that were attended by the Mayor. She reported that she and J. Cannell—along with the book mobile—attended the Mayor's cookout, and congratulated Cheryl Space on all her work on the summer events. She also reported that she and J. Cannell met with PPL director Jack Martin and his assistant, and that she and J. Cannell met with Karen Meaninch this morning in advance of the start of negotiations. She noted that Olneyville remains closed but that the nearby school is pitching in.

C. Wilmot and P. Raub presented a plaque of appreciation to Margaret Gardner and thanked her for her two years of service to the board; fortunately for us, she has agreed to remain on the Governance Committee.

4, Director's Report

Jeffrey Cannell expressed how grateful and happy he is to be here—at a unique library at an interesting time. He said that everyone—staff, Friends, board, civilians—has been wonderful, and the task right now is to expand this network. He reported that he has met both the Mayor and City Council president, and that he would be attending a NELA meeting tomorrow with E. Dyer. He has also been attending committee meetings and asked that we let him know if there are people it would be helpful for him to meet.

5. Program Coordinator's Report
As submitted.
E. Schwartz pointed out how great it is for PCL to have the Veterans' Playwriting Workshop at SPL and congratulated Michelle Novello for working this out with Paula Vogel.

6. Finance Report
-E. Schwartz presented the Income statement ending June 30, 2016, explaining that it was a very preliminary statement and would change. During discussion of the budget process, she noted that after the final end-of-year numbers are in, she, Sue Gibbs, and J. Cannell will work on a new budget. M. Lawrence moved to accept the preliminary 6/30/2106 statement. M. Gardner seconded the motion. Vote: Unanimous.
-Resolution to add J. Cannell to the Citizens accounts: moved by M. McKenney; seconded by Althea Graves. Vote: Unanimous.

7. Development Report
As submitted.
Steve Kumins announced that the date for the miniature golf event fundraiser has been confirmed: November 19.

8. Facilities Report: S. Gibbs
As submitted.
D. Del Gais thanked S. Gibbs and S. Kumins for their work on the CDGB grant for MPL; thanks also to Councilwoman Jo Ann Ryan.
C. Wilmot reported that the windows at SHL are beautiful and she urged the board to go see them.
D. Schimberg asked about KML funding; S. Gibbs explained the funding process and the steps that have to be gone through.

9. Public Comment
Karen Mcaninch thanked everyone for working hard to get the extra money from the City added to the budget and stated that she hoped all would agree that the staff has to be the first priority.

10. Adjournment
A. Graves moved to adjourn the meeting. E; Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary