

## Revised Draft

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

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 18 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Janet Pichardo, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, and Ken Wise.

Absent: Elena Chiaradio, Grace Diaz, Mark McKenney, Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy, Bianca Rodriquez.

2. Minutes: A. Chatto moved that the board minutes from March 21 be accepted as recorded. T. Aguilar seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: R. Lee moved that the minutes from April 11 be accepted with the correction that A. Gunther arrived late, making a final roll call count of 19 members. T. Aguilar seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

3. President's Report/Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee did not meet in April.

C. Wilmot explained the components of tonight's meeting. 1) We received feedback on our decision regarding the St. Teresa's project. ONE Neighborhood, City Councilwoman Sabina Matos, and R. Lee (member, ONE NB board) have asked to address the issue. 2) Part II of the discussion of budget cuts will be moderated by Ellen Lynch Kinnane. 3) The portion of the meeting devoted to reports will be streamlined.

4. Library Director's Report

As submitted.

5. Program Director's Report

As submitted.

6. Finance Report: E. Schwartz

-Income statement, ending March 31, 2016 accepted as submitted. (R. Lee moved, A. Graves seconded motion to accept: unanimously approved.

7. Development Report: S. Kumins

Fundraiser update: attendance is running ahead of other years; raffle tickets are selling well.

M. Lawrence suggested that adding “six for \$20” instead of just “three for \$10” was a strategy that worked.

-Invitations for the May fundraiser have gone to the printer and will include raffle tickets.

8. Facilities Report

No report this month.

9. Governance Report

No report this month.

10. Advocacy Report

No report this month.

11. Presentation and Potential Vote on St. Teresa’s Project

C. Wilmot introduced Bob McMahon and Cynthia Langlykke from ONE. B. McMahon explained that they were asking PCL to reconsider its decision not to pursue the project in order to give them time to meet the April 30 deadline for Champlin funds. C. Langlykke reviewed the timeline for the project. By mid-December, when funding sources will be known, the decision can be revisited. Discussion centered on operating costs and the impact the Champlin grant could have on other grant opportunities. Councilwoman Matos joined the discussion and argued for the project, citing the memorandum of agreement, the lack of safety at the current OLN library location, and the amount of money already invested in the project. (See #13 for more on this.)

12. Discussion and Potential Votes on Finances and Options for Cutting Expenses

Ellen Lynch Kinnane reviewed the purpose of this part of the meeting and moderated the discussion. Sue Gibbs reviewed the suggested options in Section I of the handout (previously distributed) and explained that the target was to save \$50,000 by the end of June 2016. C. Wilmot added that after June, we would know what the City appropriation for the following fiscal year will be and can then consider options for FY 17. The pros and cons of Option E were discussed along with the alternative of Options A, B, and C that would yield smaller savings but would buy some time and not result in hurting staff. T. Aguilar raised objections to including Option C. E. Schwartz suggested adopting Options A and B, wait to see results of the May fundraiser, and then put additional cuts if necessary into next year’s budget.

E. Schwartz moved to adopt Option A (stop using temporary staff immediately for a savings of \$15,000) and Option B (eliminate Rochambeau security immediately for a savings of \$2,500). The motion was seconded by A. Graves. **Vote: 14-1-3.**

Voting in favor: C. Caldarone, A. Chatto, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, A.

Gunther, M. Lawrence, J. Pichardo, D. Schimberg, E. Schwartz, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot, K. Wise.

Voting no: C. Kue. Abstaining: T. Aguilar, R. Lee, P. Raub.

D. Schimberg then moved that the board recommend that leadership consider changing the two collection management services clerks positions to floater positions in case there is a need for temporary staff. The motion was seconded by C. Kue. P. Vogel and M. Gardner objected that such decisions were not part of the board's responsibility and that the board should respect the operational authority of the staff. C. Kue responded that the motion only states that the suggestion be considered. **Vote: 12-3-2.**

Voting in favor: T. Aguilar, J. Dagle, A. Graves, A. Gunther, C. Kue, M. Lawrence, R. Lee, J. Pichardo, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, C. Wilmot, K. Wise. Voting no: A. Chatto, D. Del Gais, P. Vogel. Abstaining: C. Caldarone, M. Gardner. Not voting: E. Schwartz (left meeting before vote).

13. Return to ONE discussion

C. Wilmot returned the discussion to the St. Teresa's project and asked for a vote on the ONE proposal. A. Chatto moved that the Board authorize the Facilities Committee to meet one more time with ONE to explore options and authorize going forward with the project. Second: J. Dagle. Discussion included the effect on our own future Champlin grants and on our budget. R. Lee, after noting that she would not be voting because she is also on the ONE board, raised concerns about the community and political fall-out of not continuing with the project. C. Caldarone stipulated that we would have to state that, in agreeing to any long term lease, we would not be able to go forward if the Champlin money did not come through. J. Pichardo noted that Olneyville is in dire need and we should be willing to postpone KM plans if necessary; D. Schimberg agreed. T. Aguilar noted again the strong commitment to this project by Councilwoman Matos. The motion was then replaced with a new one. C. Caldarone moved that the Board agree to proceed with co-sponsoring the Champlin grant with ONE for the St. Teresa's project. A. Chatto seconded the motion. Discussion noted that we were committing only to the grant application and that we would revisit the cost estimates and potential operating costs in late fall 2016. **Vote: 15-1-1.**

Voting in favor: T. Aguilar, C. Caldarone, A. Chatto, J. Dagle, D. Del Gais, M. Gardner, A. Graves, A. Gunther, C. Kue, J. Pichardo, P. Raub, D. Schimberg, P. Vogel, C. Wilmot, K. Wise. Voting no: M. Lawrence. Abstaining: R. Lee.

14. Public Comment

K. Mcaninch thanked the board for its decision on which options to choose for cutting expenses. She also suggested extending vacations into July as a possible way to address the coverage issue.

15. Adjournment

R. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting; A. Graves seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary