

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
May 16, 2016
Rochambeau Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 14 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Alan Gunther, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Pam Vogel, and Cyndie Wilmot.

Absent: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Grace Diaz, Althea Graves, Rochelle Lee, Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy, Janet Pichardo, Bianca Rodriquez, Ken Wise.

2. Minutes: P. Vogel moved that the board minutes from April 18 be accepted as recorded. M. Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed 11-0-3. Abstentions: C. Kue, M. McKenney, E. Schwartz.

3. President's Report

C. Wilmot thanked those who have filled in at the libraries and encouraged others to do so. She noted that Olneyville will continue to be closed through June and possibly beyond, and that Cluck! on Broadway will host a "reverse auction" fundraiser for the library, 6/13, 6-8 pm. She also asked that anyone wishing to volunteer for the strategic planning committee should contact her, assuming the proposal from the Governance Committee passes (see below).

4. Update: Search Committee

J. Dagle announced the names of the finalists selected by the search committee for the position of Library Director: Jeffrey Cannell, Jamar Rahming, and Cheryl Space. Interviews and meetings with the candidates will be scheduled for the week of May 23.

5. Library Director's Report: E. Dyer

Thanks to Patricia Raub, Steve Kumins, and Janet Fuentes for their work on the letter and op-ed regarding full funding of the state GIA. Fourteen RI library board chairs have signed letters to date.

5. Program Director's Report

As submitted.

6. Finance Report: E. Schwartz
 - Income statement, ending April 30, 2016, accepted as submitted. P. Vogel moved to accept the statement, P. Raub seconded the motion: unanimously approved.
 - Change in fixed capitalization policy accepted: items costing \$5,000 or less will be expensed in the year bought. M. McKenney moved to accept the policy change, M. Lawrence seconded the motion: unanimously approved.
 - E. Schwartz explained the handout on “restricted funds” as of 4/30/16.
 - Preliminary FY 17 budget discussed. D. Schimberg argued that we shouldn’t adopt a “deficit” budget or a budget with no cushion; E. Schwartz replied that there’s a lot we don’t know about yet and won’t know for another month or so, including community development grant, state appropriation, and city budget. T. Aguilar noted that the preliminary FY17 budget has level funding for “Books, Ebooks, DVDs, etc.” (that is, the same amount as was budgeted for FY 16), and that in the aftermath of the advocacy campaign this might not be good public relations. M. McKenney agreed and suggested the figure should be tweaked.

7. Development Report: S. Kumins
 - Fundraiser update: \$50,000 raised, \$35,000 net.

8. Facilities Report
 - As submitted.

9. Governance Report: P. Raub
 - Proposal to establish Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee (approved by the Executive Committee, 5/9/16). Motion to approve: P. Vogel. Second: M. Lawrence. Unanimous. Volunteers should contact C. Wilmot.
 - Proposal to establish Library Director Transition Team (approved by the Executive Committee, 5/9/16). Motion to approve: P. Vogel. Second: M. McKenney. Unanimous.

10. Advocacy Report: P. Raub
 - The campaign for full state funding is ongoing. Board members are urged to fill out letters and send them to Speaker Mattiello this week. The resolution from the PCL and PPL board chairs to the City Council was submitted for the Council meeting on Thursday; co-sponsored by Councilmen Narducci and Jennings.

11. Public Comment
 - D. Furia explained that she wanted to clear up something that was said at a previous meeting about Tech Services. She noted the several and varied areas of responsibility that fall to this department, and agreed to email the information to the board.
 - M. Gardner announced the Rochambeau Friends annual meeting, June 6.
 - P. Vogel announced a pop-up sale at Rochambeau, June 4.

12. Adjournment

E. Schwartz moved to adjourn the meeting; M. Lawrence seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary