

Providence Community Library  
Board of Directors Minutes  
September 21, 2015  
Annual Meeting  
Rochambeau Library

1. Welcome and Call to Order

President Mark McKenney called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call of the board members, noting that 16 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Christian Caldarone, Avital Chatto, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Althea Graves, Alan Gunther, Matthew Lawrence, Rochelle Lee, Mark McKenney, Patricia Raub, Ellen Schwartz, Pamela Vogel, Cyndie Wilmot, and Ken Wise.

Absent: Grace Diaz, Adilson Furtado, Maryellen Goodwin, Silaphone Nhongvongsouthy, Bianca Rodriquez, Deborah Schimberg.

2. Minutes: M. Lawrence moved that the board minutes from July 20, 2015 be accepted. R. Lee seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

3. Election of At-Large Board Members

M. McKenney introduced P. Raub to present the slate of nominees recommended by the Governance Committee for election to at-large positions for 2-year terms: C. Caldarone (re-election), E. Schwartz (re-election), Tony Aguilar (election), and M. McKenney (election). There were no nominations from the floor. The vote to elect the four nominees: 16-0.

4. Election of Board Officers

P. Raub presented the slate of nominees recommended by the Governance Committee for election as board officers for 1-year terms: C. Wilmot, President; M. Lawrence, Vice President; E. Schwartz, Treasurer (re-election); Joan Dagle, Secretary (re-election). There were no nominations from the floor. The vote to elect the four nominees: 16-0.

5. President's Remarks

-M. McKenney welcomed new members of the board. He introduced P. Vogel, the new Governor's appointee to the Board. He expressed his appreciation for the time and effort of all the volunteer board members, and he talked about change as an exciting time and also as an opportunity to get past some of the obstacles of the past. He introduced Eileen Dyer as the Interim Library Director and explained that Sue Gibbs has assumed anew role as PCL's Chief Operating

Officer, two appointments that will allow PCL to think about reorganization and to begin a search for a permanent Director. He noted that PCL was no longer a fledgling organization. After three years of struggling to survive and three years of thriving, the time has come to reorganize and move forward. He ended by introducing Marcus Mitchell, past president of the Board, who will head the new Advisory Council.

6. Library Stories

-P. Raub noted that this year's Annual Meeting is focusing on celebrating the PCL staff, starting with "Library Stories," presentations by staff members. Stephanie Shea, Tien Tran, Duongrattha Siv, Allison Riendeau, Sarah Gluck, Denise Brophy, Dhana Whiteing (for Kathleen Flaherty), and Rasha Schoolcraft read sometimes funny, sometimes heartbreaking, always touching stories about interactions with patrons both young and old at the libraries.

7. StoryCorps Presentation

-Janet Fuentes provided an overview and sample of the StoryCorps program, with 51 completed to date.

8. Celebrating the PCL Staff; Music by Paul Williams

-M. Gardner introduced a slideshow designed to showcase and celebrate the wonderful work of PCL's staff. She also introduced Paul Williams who provided musical accompaniment.

9. Incoming President's Closing Remarks

-C. Wilmot began by thanking every member of PCL's staff—library, maintenance, program, tech, administration, collection management staff—and asked them all to stand and be recognized. She noted her commitment to engaging the board in telling our story and to looking forward with the help of the leadership grant. She thanked the board members for their service and Eileen Dyer for taking on the role of Interim Library Director. She also thanked the Friends groups, the City Council, the City, state and federal officials, and the Champlin Foundation for support. She invited everyone to join in support of the work of PCL. She closed the meeting by thanking Mark McKenney, on behalf of the board, for his excellent leadership and by presenting him with a gift to express the appreciation of the Board for his tenure as President.

10. Adjournment

M. McKenney moved that the meeting adjourn; the motion was seconded severally. Unanimously passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm, and everyone happily moved to the reception.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle  
Secretary