

Providence Community Library
Board of Directors Minutes
October 16, 2017
South Providence Library

Welcome and Call to Order

President Cyndie Wilmot called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
Secretary Joan Dagle took the roll call, noting that 13 trustees were present constituting a quorum.

Present: Tony Aguilar, Elena Chiaradio, Joan Dagle, Deborah Del Gais, Margaret Gardner, Judanne Hamidzada, Christine Kue, Matthew Lawrence, Patricia Raub, Deborah Schimberg, Ellen Schwartz, Cyndie Wilmot, Ken Wise. Kendra Brewster and Avital Chatto arrived after the roll call, making a new quorum of 15.

Absent: Althea Graves, Rochelle Lee, Pam Vogel.

Minutes: P. Raub moved that the board minutes from September 18 be accepted as recorded. Second: D. Del Gais. Vote to approve: unanimous.

President's Report

C. Wilmot announced that Knight Memorial Library will be reopened, thanks to everyone's hard work and thanks also to the City. In the spirit of National Library Friends Week, she thanked the Friends reps on the board and the Friends groups. On behalf of the board—and to much applause—she congratulated Cheryl Space, PCL's new Assistant Director.

Director's Report

As submitted.

Jeffrey Cannell also noted that he was very happy C. Space had accepted PCL's offer.

Finance Committee Report

E. Schwartz presented the Income statement ending September 30, 2017. A. Chatto moved to accept the 9/30/2107 statement. C. Kue seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous (15-0).

Approval: Loan of up to \$28,000 from GE Capital Commercial, Inc. via Ford Motor Co.

S. Gibbs and E. Schwartz explained the need for a new (used) truck and the financing for a 2016 Ford truck with 500 miles. After discussion, D. Schimberg moved to approve the loan as stated above. Second: J. Dagle. Vote: 15-0.

Development Committee Report

M. Lawrence reminded the board that the mini-golf fundraiser would be held on Nov. 4 at Rochambeau.

S. Kumins noted that we would be saving sponsorships for the "Over the Edge" event in the spring. He also answered various questions about Knight Memorial funding. J.

Cannell noted that we will nominate KML for the Providence Preservation Society's endangered building list.

Facilities Committee Report

D. Del Gais noted that the fire marshal took the KML toy fire trucks and they are on display at the downtown fire station. She also reviewed the timeline for the KML fire alarm and hazmat work as laid out in the Committee's report.

A. Chatto expressed appreciation and gratitude for the enormous amount of work that has been done, and that she felt confident in the reopening of KML and in the future planning.

S. Gibbs noted that the fire marshal will work with C. Space to do a fire prevention program with kids.

Strategic Planning Committee

P. Raub announced that the strategic planning consultant, Julie DiBari, will be setting up interviews with board members.

Public Comment

C. Space introduced Natalie Coolen, teen librarian at Rochambeau.

D. Furia stated that she would like to remind the board that staff members are important, and that stabilizing salaries is especially important.

Executive Session:

1. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2): collective bargaining negotiations with staff union.
2. Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1): annual review of library director. Advanced notice provided to library director.

D. Del Gais moved that the meeting go into Executive Session pursuant to RIGL 42-46-5(a)(2) and RIGL 42-46-5(a)(1). Second: P. Raub. Vote: unanimous. J. Hamidzada was recused from the executive session.

Motion to return to open session: P. Raub. Second: D. Del Gais. Vote: 14-0.

Motion to seal the minutes of the executive session: T. Aguilar. Second: E. Chiaradio. Vote: 14-0.

Adjournment

T. Aguilar moved to adjourn the meeting. Second: M. Gardner. Vote: 14-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Dagle
Secretary