

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:13 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Susan Gately
Judy Finkel
James Kersten
Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
Phyllis Harrington
Dianne Bruce
Dante Comparetto

Director's Absent:

Tara Young
Jabian Gutierrez
Jyoti Datta
William S. Coleman, III

Staff Present:

John S. Weedon
Denise McGinley
Denise Faucher
Elizabeth Giangrande
Paula Korstvedt

1. Call to Order.

1.1 Gately called the meeting to order after reaching a quorum at 5:13 p.m.

2. Minutes of October 8, 2013. Gately asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

There being none, Bruce moved, seconded by Packard to approve the minutes.

The minutes of October 8, 2013 were approved.

Gately announced the agenda would be taken out of order.

3. Library Administration Request.

3.1 Weedon asked the Board's permission for the Library to close at 5:30 p.m. on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

Finkel moved, seconded by Packard to approve the early closing.

Weedon asked the Board's permission to allow Bayda Asbridge to book the Banx Room for multiple days in order to hold a weaving workshop for children to participate in.

Perro moved, seconded by Packard to allow the use of the Banx Room for multiple dates to conduct a weaving workshop.

4. President's Report.

4.1 Gately reported that the Roosevelt Branch Grand Opening was a huge success and that the Tatnuck Branch's Grand Opening is scheduled for November 20th at 3:30.

5. Head Librarian's Report.

Weedon referred the Board to the Head Librarian's Report, but also stated that the Library Administration is looking at the C.W. Mars

relationship as the assessment is now 5.75%. Weedon additionally reported that circulation has increased by 15%

4. Finance Committee Report, Harrington.

4.1 Harrington reported on the October 15, 2013 Finance Committee meeting.

6. Committee on Administration, Finkel.

6.1 Finkel reported that the Committee met regarding the Head Librarian's evaluation and that the Committee tweaked the Head Librarian job description a bit.

7. Report of Buildings & Grounds Committee, Harrington.

7.1 Harrington reported that the Committee met on October 29, 2013 to discuss space use at the Library and that the documents were forwarded to the Law Department for review.

8. Friends Update, Comparetto.

8.1 Comparetto reported that the Friends are doing very well, but that they have safety concerns with the amount of drug use going on in the first floor restrooms, especially now that the cold weather is here. The Friends feel it is an increasing problem and is requesting that the matter be discussed with the City Manager.

9. WPL Foundation, Kersten.

9.1 Kersten reported that the Foundation would be meeting on November 13, 2013 and he will send an email update to the Board.

11. Other Business.

Gately reported that Gutierrez has resigned from the Board which makes three vacancies to be filled. Gately also attended a memorial for Ed Trachtenberg at Clark University and brought donation forms. With regard to Quinsigamond Community College, Gately reported that discussions are ongoing with regard to ways the Library and the College can work together.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jyoti Datta, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)