

June 10, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:05 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Deborah Packard  
Judy Finkel  
James Kersten  
Susan Gately  
Phyllis Harrington  
Collins Nuamah  
Dianne Bruce  
William Belcher  
William Coleman III  
Joshua J. Perro

Director's Absent:

Leger-Hornby

Staff Present:

Christopher J. Korenowsky  
Denise McGinley  
Elizabeth Giangrande  
Paula Korstvedt  
Chantell McDowell  
Pingsheng Chen

Guests present:

Chrissy Murray

1. Call to Order.
  - 1.1 Packard called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
  - 1.2 Packard announced the Board would go into Executive Session after the agenda items were completed and would not reconvene.  
Bruce moved, seconded by Perro to go into Executive Session. A roll call vote was taken with all yeas.
2. Minutes of May 13, 2014. Packard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Gately asked that the report of the Friends Liaison be edited to read "the bookstore and café have brought in over \$64,000.00 combined for the year". Finkel moved, seconded by Perro to approve the minutes with edits.  
The minutes of May 13, 2014 were approved with edits.
3. Minutes of May 29, 2014. Packard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Bruce moved, seconded by Kersten to approve the minutes.  
The minutes of May 29, 2014 were approved.
4. President's Report. Packard reported that the retirement event for Denise Faucher and Nancy Torowski had a great turnout. Packard also reported that the Library's FY15 budget was approved and that the City Manager has earmarked \$250,000.00 for designing a new entryway from Franklin Street for the Library.
5. Head Librarian Report. Korenowsky reported that there were several interviews conducted and that there are still vacancies that need to be filled. Korenowsky reported that he met with Dr. Carberry of Quinsigamond Community College and

that QCC is moving into the Franklin Street building in July and anticipate a September opening.

Korenowsky asked Board permission to close for the Labor Day weekend which was a traditional closing.

Bruce moved, seconded by Kersten to approve closing the Library on Labor Day weekend.

Packard took the agenda out of order for the Foundation Report.

6. Foundation Liaison, Kersten deferred to Murray.

Murray let the Board know the annual Author's event was scheduled for October 9, 2014 and that there were five authors lined up for the event. Murray also stated the Foundation's annual meeting was scheduled for September 10, 2014 at Hanover Insurance Company. Murray reported that the Spring appeal had been sent out and that she is looking into having Tufts sponsor the book box at the Senior Center.

7. Finance Committee Report, Perro.

Perro reported that the Finance Committee had approved \$6,500.00 from the Trust Funds (\$5,000.00 from the Green Fund for Fall and Holiday program marketing templates; \$1,500.00 from the Saxe Fund for the annual Volunteer Recognition Event).

Perro reported that the Finance Committee approved to return 25% of the Pooled Funds to principal for FY15.

Perro also reported that the Finance Committee reduced Foundation support to \$30,000.00. Perro stated that the reduction is meant to open a dialogue with the Foundation. Packard stated that the FY15 budget needed to be approved and that Foundation support could be discussed at the September meeting.

Kersten moved, seconded by Bruce to approve the FY15 Trust Fund Budget which may be amended by the Directors after a dialogue with the Foundation. Nuamah and Belcher opposed the motion.

Kersten moved, seconded by Bruce to approve the Finance Committee Report.

8. Friends Liaison, Gately.

Gately reported that there has not been a quorum at the Friends Board meeting and she will not have a report until September.

9. Coleman asked if a gold library card could be sent to President Obama's mother.

10. Adjournment. There being no further business, Coleman moved, seconded by Bruce to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Judy Finkel, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)