

The Cyrenius H. Booth Library Minutes
Board of Trustees Special Meeting - The Gathering Room
Thursday, February 21, 2019

Present: Gregory Branecky, Thomas Long, Douglas Lord, Raymond Irrera, William McCarthy, Anne Rothstein, Donna Rahtelli, Colleen Honan, Amy Dent, Christene Freedman, Elaine Corbo

Absent: Matthew Mihalcik, Beth Hamilton, Laura Goldstein, John Reed, Thomas D'Agostino

Guests: Denise Kaiser

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Amy Dent

Consideration of Minutes:

Tom Long made a motion to amend the Friends Liaison section of the January 2018 minutes, "the original attention of the vision project" changed to "the original intention of the vision project". Anne Rothstein seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed. Tom Long made a motion to accept the amended minutes from the January 2018 meeting, and Anne Rothstein seconded the motion. All approved. Motion passed.

Public Participation: None

President's Announcements:

Amy Dent welcomed the newest member to the Board, Elaine Corbo.

The library is evaluating participation in an Eversource program which would involve changing all the lighting to LED and replacing the ailing boilers. If the library was to move forward with this project, it would not be until the spring.

Treasurer's Report:

William McCarthy shared the Profit and Loss statement for January. Amy noted that, at this point, fundraising efforts have not raised the anticipated funds. A question was asked about the possible budget impact due to the increased minimum wage. Bill reported that this was anticipated in the 2019-20 budget request. Amy is attending the Board of Finance meeting on Monday at 7 pm to present the proposed budget.

Library Director's Report:

A comprehensive report was circulated to the Board in advance of the meeting with news provided by each Department Head.

Committee Reports:

Governance - Colleen Honan reported that the nominating committee put forth William Beard, Jr. for consideration as a new Board member. Mr. Beard has experience with facilities and would join the Building and Grounds Committee.

Development - The Mad Hatter planning committee has settled on Friday, May 31st for the spring fundraising event, and Father Bob has agreed to be the auctioneer. Board members are asked to secure one gift card from a restaurant.

Planning for the 2019 Turkey Trot has already begun. Plans include changing the course, having fewer course Marshalls, and designing a new logo.

Finance - No report

Long Range Planning - No report

Building and Grounds - A meeting is planned for next week.

Art and Historical – Efforts continue to organize and clear out the attic.

Friends of the Library Liaison - Anne Rothstein and Denise Kaiser reported on the Vision project awards and expenses for the book sale. They also announced dates for the following events: Book Donation Day — April 28, Volunteer Dinner — March 25, Book sale volunteer dinner — July 13

Old Business: No Report

Unfinished Business:

Tom Long made a motion to amend the bylaws to allow for remote participation by Board members with notification to the President by noon on the day of the meeting. Donna Rahtelli seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

New Business:

There was a discussion about William Beard, Jr. joining the Board as a replacement for the vacancy created by the resignation of Board member, Mark Principi.

Greg Branecky made a motion to approve William Beard Jr. as a Trustee of the Library. Ray Irrera seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Long and seconded by Donna Rahtelli. All in favor, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Hamilton

Secretary

C.H. Booth Library Board of Trustees

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE C. H. BOOTH LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT THE NEXT MEETING.