

April 8, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:08 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
Dianne Bruce
Judy Finkel
Susan Gately
Phyllis Harrington
Collins Nuamah

Director's Absent:

William Belcher
William S. Coleman, III
Dante Comparetto

Staff Present:

Christopher J. Korenowsky
John S. Weedon
Denise Faucher
Denise McGinley
Elizabeth Giangrande
Paula Korstvedt

Guests present:

Chrissy Murray

1. Call to Order.
 - 1.1 Packard called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m.
2. Minutes of March 11, 2014. Packard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none Finkel moved, seconded by Perro to approve the minutes.
The minutes of March 11, 2014 were approved.
3. Packard introduced Christopher Korenowsky to the Board of Directors for those who had not yet met him.
4. President's Report. Packard reminded the Board about the grand opening of the Goddard School Branch Library on April 9, 2014. Packard also let the Board know that Preservation Worcester would be conducting an Around the Common tour and had worked with the Worcester Public Library as to information for the points of interest of the tour.
5. Head Librarian Report. Korenowsky let the Board know that as an organization, he wants the Library to tell its story; he also wants the Library to provide great customer experience all day and every day. Korenowsky is thinking of reaching out to Marilyn Johnson, the author of This Book is Overdue with regard to staff development. Korenowsky also wants to diversify the Library's collections and listen to the public as to what they want.
Korenowsky also went over his Head Librarian report.
6. Financial Committee Report, Perro.
Perro reported that the Finance Committee approved expenditures of \$4,984.31

(\$133.00 for an ALA membership from the Higgins Fund; and \$4,851.31 from the Saxe Fund for employees to attend an MLA conference in Worcester; an Urban Library Council Conference; and an ALA conference). Perro also reported the Finance Committee met with Bartholomew representatives regarding the Trust Funds.

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

8. Friends Update, Gately.

Gately referred the Board to the Friends minutes. Gately highlighted that the Friends starting sorting for the May book sale and were looking for assistance in that endeavor. Gately reminded the Board that the Friends Annual Meeting would be Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 and that Christopher Korenowsky would be the guest speaker.

9. WPL Foundation, Kersten.

Kersten reported that Hanover's Loaned Executive is doing a measurement study with regard to the OCOL branches; additionally former City Manager Michael O'Brien and retiring Representative John Binienda will be the recipients of the Green Award which will be presented at the annual Author's Event. In addition, the Foundation would like to focus on programming and smaller projects such as the Teen Center rather than capital request for the Frances Perkins Branch.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Dante Comparetto, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)