

March 11, 2014

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
Dianne Bruce
Judy Finkel
Susan Gately
William S. Coleman, III
Phyllis Harrington
Collins Nuamah
Dante Comparetto

Director's Absent:

William Belcher
Tracey Leger-Hornby
James Kersten

Staff Present:

Denise Faucher
Denise McGinley
Mary Cocorochio
John Weedon
Pingsheng Cheng
Joy Hennig
Cynthia LaPan
Elizabeth Giangrande
Chantell McDowell
Paula Korstvedt

Guests present:

Chrissy Murray
Robert Sorrenti
Sean Maher

1. Green Collection presentation. The Board and guests participated in a 15 minute Presentation of the Dr. John Green collection.
2. Call to Order.
 - 2.1 Packard called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
3. Minutes of February 11, 2014. Packard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none Finkel moved, seconded by Bruce to approve the minutes.
The minutes of February 11, 2014 were approved.
4. Minutes of February 21, 2014. Packard asked if there were any corrections to the minutes, there being none Finkel moved, seconded by Harrington to approve the minutes.
The minutes of February 21, 2014 were approved.
5. President's Report. Packard thanked Weedon for his work. Packard reported that the Board voted to hire Christopher Korenowsky and that his employment would begin on March 24, 2014. Packard felt that a couple of priorities would be for Korenowsky to meet with staff and board, either in small groups or one-on-one and also with the key people within

the City. Packard suggested a staff meet and greet for March 27, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Packard asked the Board to think of the “Next Chapter” and what the Board could do to help acclimate Korenowsky. Bruce suggested either a breakfast or lunch, and both Bruce and Coleman volunteered to work on it; Finkel volunteered to take Korenowsky to the school branch libraries and Giangrande said she could arrange for a Channel 3 and WTAG interview.

6. Associate Head Librarian Report. Weedon stated that the existing modular units at Burncoat Prep would be refurbished and a new modular would be purchased for the school branch library. Weedon reported there may be some budget issues that will have to be looked at. Weedon reported that the Library was awarded a \$5,000.00 Carnegie-Whitney grant which will be used to create a resource guide for new immigrants.
7. Finance Committee Report, Perro.
Perro reported that the Finance Committee approved expenditures of \$1,014.00 (\$400.00 from the Green Fund; \$404.00 from the Higgins Fund and \$210.00 from the Saxe Fund).
Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to approve the Finance Committee Report.
8. Friends Update, Gately.
Gately referred the Board to the Friends minutes and stated that there would be a book sale on May 16 and 17. Gately report the Friends would be discontinuing their film series due to poor attendance and also discontinuing the newsletter as it is duplicative of what Giangrande is doing.
9. WPL Foundation, Kersten.
Murray stated that the Foundation’s Loaned Executive started assisting her. The Celebration of Authors would be on October 9, 2014; that the Foundation’s Annual Meeting would be September 9, 2014; and have asked the author who wrote Frances Perkins biography to be the keynote speaker. Murray also stated she contacted Keating Enterprises which will perform some landscaping needs at the Perkins branch.
10. Items not reasonably anticipated. Bruce reported that she has set up time slots with the Legislators for Lobby Day.
The Board addressed a request from the Central Mass Lyme Foundation, Inc., to use a Library meeting room one Saturday a month. After discussion Finkel moved, seconded by Coleman to have access for 6 months and then the matter be reviewed again.
11. 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)