

September 10, 2013

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:14 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Susan Gately
Judy Finkel
Jyoti Datta
Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
James Kersten
Phyllis Harrington
Dianne Bruce
William S. Coleman, III

Director's Absent:

Dante Comparetto
Jabian Gutierrez

Staff Present:

Wei Jeng-Chu
John S. Weedon
Denise McGinley
Denise Faucher
Elizabeth Giangrande

Also present:

Christina Andreoli
Robert Sorrenti
Laurie Tigan

1. Call to Order.
 - 1.1 Gately called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.
Gately announced the agenda would be taken out of order.
2. Report of Marketing Committee, Coleman.
 - 2.1 Giangrande presented the new Worcester Public Library logo. Discussion ensued as to whether the tag line should be deleted or should remain with a new adaptation. Coleman moved, seconded by Perro to approve the new logo with an adjustment to the tag line. Gately called for a hand vote, five (5) were in favor; two (2) opposed; three (3) abstained.
3. Minutes of June 11, 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 June 11, 2013 were approved.
3. President's Report.
 - 3.1 Gately thanked everyone for their great work over the summer by Library staff and Board committees. Gately also congratulated several Board members for their personal and professional successes.
4. Head Librarian's Report.
 - 4.1 Rather than repeating the Head Librarian's report, Jeng-Chu asked if there were any questions. There being none, Gately asked the Foundation to report to the Board.
5. WPL Foundation.

- 5.1 Andreoli introduced Dr. Robert Sorrenti as the new President of the Foundation. Andreoli reported that with regard to the One City One Library initiative there has been \$1.2 million raised, including the \$250,000.00 from the City Manager and \$100,000.00 from the Fuller Foundation. Andreoli reported Roosevelt School is fully outfitted and Cardinal Construction has donated their professional services for construction work at the school. Andreoli stated that the One City One Library initiative members are working with Clark University to measure student outcomes over the 5 years of Pilot funding for the project.
6. Report of Finance Committee, Packard.
 - 6.1 Packard reported that at the June 11, 2013 meeting, the Committee approved returning 25% of interest in the Trust funds back to principal and \$26,500.00 in funding requests were approved. Packard brought the Staff Development and Continuing Education Policy to the Board for a vote. Packard reported that Talking Books would take tuition reimbursement out of their own budget for their employees. Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to approve the June 11, 2013 Finance Committee report.
Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to approve the Staff Development and Continuing Education Policy.
7. Committee on Administration, Finkel.
 - 7.1 Finkel reported the Committee met July 18, 2013; August 13, 2013 and September 3, 2013 to hire candidates for various open positions of the Worcester Public Library. Packard moved, seconded by Bruce to approve the Committee on Administration reports. Finkel asked the Board if the summer authority given to the Committee on Administration could be extended through September 30, 2013. Kersten moved, seconded by Bruce to extend the Committee on Administration's authority to September 30, 2013. Packard asked if the Law Department could be consulted as to what constitutes a quorum; Finkel suggested that Roberts Rules of Order also be reviewed. Finkel suggested that the bylaws be reviewed as to whether an amendment could be made to change the amount needed for a quorum.
8. Adjournment.

As there was no update from the Community Services Committee or the Friends liaison, Bruce moved, seconded by Kersten to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jyoti Datta, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)