

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2013

1. Call to order: President Mary Ambrogi called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Rotary Board Room of the Newport Public Library.

Attendance: Mary Ambrogi, Jennifer Booth, Lynne Ceglie, Carol Cummins, Chuck Flippo, Paul Gaines, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed, Sheila Sulentic and library director Regina Slezak.

Excused: Doriene Farzan, David Gordon

Absent: Angel Gonzalez, Eileen Hadfield, Justin McLaughlin

2. Amendment to the agenda:

There was no amendment to the agenda.

3. Secretary's Report:

a. Minutes of the July 18, 2013 meeting:

Susan McCoy asked for changes or additions to the minutes. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented.

David Reed made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Paul Gaines seconded the motion Mary Ambrogi, Jennifer Booth, Lynne

Ceglie, Carol Cummins, Paul Gaines, Girard Galvin, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed, and Sheila Sulentic voted for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4. Finance Committee report:

Financial statements for July and August 2013 were reviewed. Robin Skuncik Jones reported that there was a slight increase in income and decrease in expenditures due to staff vacancies which are now filled. Investments are up by 1.3% so far this fiscal year.

A health insurance reserve account has been set up at Wells Fargo.

5. President's Report:

Mary Ambrogi informed the Board that she has submitted her resignation from the Board of Trustees. She has appointed Kathy Boyd to serve the remainder of her unexpired term. Kathy Boyd is the Director of Library Services at Salve Regina University.

6. Building and Grounds Committee:

David Reed reported that energy usage at the library has been consistent this year even though it was hotter this summer than the last.

8. Financial Development Committee report:

Susan McCoy reported that the event was very successful even though less money was made than last year's event. Next year's goal

is to sell more tickets.

9. Friends of the Library:

Chuck Flippo reported that at the last Friends meeting, the Friends voted to renew the library's Chamber of Commerce membership, fund a new laminator and give the library \$4,000 to purchase e-book licenses.

Permission was granted to the Friends to serve wine at a luncheon given for their Bookstore members.

10. Director's Report:

In addition to her written report, Regina Slezak reported that the annual report for the state has been completed and sent. Summer reading programs are over and were very successful in all departments.

11. New business:

a. Newport Garden Club Proposal:

Copies of a proposal to install an outside reading room in Aquidneck Park were distributed. As part of the centennial celebration of the club, members were polled and selected the outdoor reading area as the project they would most like to do. The club would like to work with the library to establish this area and is also collaborating with the city on the project which is still in the planning phase. A formal presentation will be made to the board at a later date.

12. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm

The next meeting is scheduled on October 17, 2013.