

NEWPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2014

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

Attendance: Chuck Flippo, Girard Galvin, Angel Gonzalez, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, Justin McLaughlin, David Reed, Jessica Walsh and library director Anne Shepherd.

Excused: Jennifer Booth, Michael Dawson, David Gordon and Linda Martin.

Absent: Lynn Ceglie

2. Amendment to the agenda:

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

3. Secretary's Report:

Susan McCoy asked for changes or additions to the September 18, 2014 Board meeting 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.

Jessica Walsh seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken. Girard Galvin, Angel Gonzalez, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed, and Jessica Walsh voted for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

4. Finance Committee report:

Robin Skuncik Jones reported that the financial statement for September 2014 was reviewed.

Income and expenses are under budget so far this fiscal year.

5. President's Report:

Robin Skuncik Jones reported that Rita Slom has agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees. Ms. Slom is a chairperson for the library's Fundraising Committee and a member of the Newport Public Education Foundation.

Susan McCoy made a motion to appoint Rita Slom to the Board of Trustees of the Newport Public Library. David Reed seconded the motion.

A roll call was taken. Girard Galvin, Angel Gonzalez, Robin Skuncik Jones, Susan McCoy, David Reed, and Jessica Walsh voted for the motion. There were no votes against. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

There are currently two more vacancies on the Board of Trustees.

Board members were asked to recommend candidates to fill these vacancies.

6. Building and Grounds Report:

There was no report at this time.

7. Financial Development Committee report:

There was no report at this time.

8. Friends of the Library:

Chuck Flippo reported that the Friends presented the library with a check for \$25,000 at the library's annual meeting.

The Friends Holiday Sale will take place on November 1 through November 5. A wine and cheese reception was to be held for Friends members on the Thursday evening before the sale. Chuck Flippo reported that this has been rescheduled for the March sale. He asked if the Board, having approved the October reception, would approve the reception in March. This item will be listed on the November Board of trustees meeting agenda.

9. Director's Report:

Anne Shepherd reported that she has been meeting personally with each staff member and evaluating the space needs for both staff and the public.

Senator Sheldon Whitehouse visited the library on Wednesday, October 15 to view a demonstration of the 3D printer and vinyl cutter,

purchased with grant money from the State Office of Library Services.

State grant in aid has been approved for fiscal year 2014-2015.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm

The next meeting is scheduled on November 20, 2014.