READING PUBLIC LIBRARY

January 18, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Reading Public Library was held today at 4:30 PM at 113 S. 4th Street, Reading, PA, Renee Dietrich, President, presiding.

Present: Renee Dietrich, Stephanie Towles, Heather Hanna, Maureen Dolan, Nancy Campbell, Greg Knies, Osmer Deming, Johanny Cepeda, Jim Shankweiler, Colin Waszkiewicz Hillary Schulze & Bronwen Gamble.

Absent: Paul Hoh, Toni Albert and Frank Kasprowicz, excused.

Guests: Linda Capozello, Denise Sticha, Henriette Alban

Public Comment: None

Minutes: Motion to approve the December minutes made by Nancy Campbell seconded by Johanny Cepeda. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Report presented by Greg Knies. Motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report was made by Stephanie Towles, seconded by Maureen Dolan. Accepted.

Director's Report: Copies of the Director's Report were made available. Frank Kasprowicz was absent so Bronwen Gamble gave the report. Virginia Lash officially retired from Technical Services on December 31st and Pam Hehr the former Reference supervisor has taken the position. There is now an opening in the Reference Department.

Library Services: Heather Hanna reported that they had a social service discussion and would like to attempt to get a social services partner to do an information table at the library. There has also been discussion of having basic items such as stamps, pencils, folders, paper available for purchase by the patrons. The next meeting will be February 10th.

Facilities: Maureen Dolan reported on various building issues. The HVAC at Northeast is still unresolved but ongoing.

Finance: Report given by Greg Knies. The finance committee met today and discussed general budget planning for next year. Ken Haupt was in attendance to report on investments. Since the position of Executive Director will be advertised Ken Haupt offered that up to $2500 from Foundation funds could be spent to do meet and greets for potential applicants.

Personnel: Report given by Jim Shankweiler. The position of Executive Director has been posted and has a receipt of resume deadline date of February 24th. Daniel Egusquiza was introduced at the new Outreach Coordinator and will be working from the 4th street building with Linda Capozello.

Advancement: Report was given by Nancy Campbell. The end of 2015 reported that $171,287.42 was received from patron donations, fundraising events and grants. This was a significant increase over previous years. Cocktails and Classics will be held March 18th, 2016 at the Abe Lincoln. The committee is looking for

auction items and additional donations. The committee is also working on marketing a 21st century library and resdesigning or repurposing the current space for better flow. The potential to have birthday parties at the library was also discussed.

Strategic Planning: No Report, but the committee will contact Al Weber to schedule an employee meeting.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee appoints the following officers for 2016:

Heather Hanna, President
Nancy Campbell, Vice President
Toni Albert, Treasurer
Stephanie Towles, Secretary

Motion to accept the 2016 officers was made by Johanny Cepeda and seconded by Osmer Deming. Accepted.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Henriette Alban was recognized for her service to the board and was presented with a certificate by Renee Dietrich. She will remain on the Facilities Committee as a community representative.

Volunteers to attend the monthly BCPL Board meetings were solicited. Members will check their calendars for availability.

The Conflict of Interest questionnaire was given out for completion and signatures. It will be emailed to those that were not in attendance.

The next city council meeting is on February 8th at 7 PM. The library will have time to address council. Any board member that is able to attend should in show of support for the library.

Motion to adjourn was made by Heather Hanna, seconded by Johanny Cepeda. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Hanna

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Secretary, RPL Board of Trustees