



Kennett Library Board Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021 Board of Trustees

✓ Barbara Bolton ✓ Gail Bowden ✓ Chris Britt ✓ Todd Bruce ✓ RuthAnn Deveney ✓ Margaret Egli ✓ Jim DiLuzio ✓ Barbara Forney ✓ Victoria Gilrane ✓ Michael Guttman ✓ Chris Larsen ✓ Will Majarian ✓ Brenda Mercomes ✓ Barbara Necarsulmer ✗ Loren Pearson ✓ Brad Peiper ✓ David Sleasman ✓ Thomas Swett ✓ Collis Townsend ✓ Jeff Yetter

19 present (20 Trustees)-Quorum achieved

Guests: Megan Walters, Mary Hutchins

| Agenda items |
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| OPENING OF MEETING/PUBLIC COMMENTS |
| None. |
| PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS |
| Expecting trustees to sell fundraiser tickets. |
| MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY BOARD MINUTES |
| Motion to approve by Barbara N, seconded by David. Motion passed. |
| DIRECTOR'S REPORT |
| Exceeded circulation for first two months of this year compared to last year. Megan reported that Marilyn started yesterday as the cataloging/development person. Already doing very well; her 15 years of prior library experience already showing. |
| COMMITTEE REPORTS |

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Agenda items

Finance (Tori): \$350k in operating cash. \$90k in revenue in February. \$57k operating expenses in February. Cash reserve \$2.8m. \$2.1m in Capital Campaign funds. \$118k to the Capital Campaign received in March.

Capital Campaign (Collis & Mary): \$300k and \$50k donations received. Currently about \$10m has been raised. Targeting 75% (\$13.5m) of needed funds to be committed by July/August. Well on our way there. Working on testimonial videos. The Board viewed the video walkthrough. The video will be provided to all Board members; can be shared with the public.

New Building (Brad): No change to cost target of \$18m. Expect ground breaking in the first half of August. Still in construction document phase; expect completion by end of April, with updated cost expected. Will then go out to bid and establish Guaranteed Maximum Price. Land development proceeding: plan documents submitted end of February. First meeting with Planning Commission occurred in early March. Expect to get Planning Commission recommendation at their May meeting. Expecting existing buildings (120 and 124 S Willow) demolition in late April or early May. Subcommittee (chaired by Brenda and Gail) formed to work on art installations at the new library. John Baker from WCU will assist. Michael reported on RACP: working on RACP1 scoping and reporting. On March 31, anticipate filing for another RACP grant (RACP3). Consultants are more hopeful than RACP2 (not funded).

Personnel (Brenda): Very pleased to have Marilyn join the library staff. She is the library's first full time African American employee.

ALP (David): ALP active and delivering on-line classes. Four levels of ALP and one citizenship class ongoing. Filomena organizing a new GED class. Anticipate that on-line classes will continue even post-COVID. Currently 89 active tutor pairs finding ways to meet. Filomena presented ALP program to New Garden Twp. supervisors. Filomena's presented to United Way of Chester County in support of a proposal for \$45k funding; presentation went well.

DevCom (Mary): Deferred to Gail and the Friends report.

Friends (Gail): Friends planning a raffle-style fundraiser. Will be selling tickets in May and have daily drawings in June.

Will reported that the interim motion regarding the diversity, equity and inclusion statement passed by 19 yes votes, 0 no votes, and one trustee not voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Brad. Seconded by Barbara B. Motion passed that the meeting adjourned at 5:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
William R. Majarian, Secretary