

# **Fairmount Community Library Board Meeting**

Minutes January 15, 2020

## **Call to order**

- A meeting of the Fairmount Community Library Board of Trustees was held at the Fairmount Community Library. Attendees included Alison Chamberlain (Board member), Dick Mahan (Board member), Gary Ferner (Board member), Mike Ranieri (Board member), Pete O'Mara (Board member), John Rittell (Library Director) and Jennifer Grant (President). Board members not present included: Jeff Boyea (Vice President) and Patty Cherry (treasurer). The meeting was called to order at 7:04PM.

## **Public Expression**

- none

## **Reports**

### **Director's Report**

- Star Wars program went well, there was interest from both kids and adults.
- The book sale went well, staff participation was enthusiastic.
- Patrons with overdue fines of over \$5 will not be allowed to check out new materials, but can still use computers.
- Adult programs
  - Finance for everyday people was well attended
  - The civil war program on 1/15 had turnout of 12 adults
- website
  - The website is a work in progress.
  - An update will be available in February at the board meeting.
  - Brenda and John are providing input.
    - He needs color schemes, fonts, etc.... mostly stylistic input.
- The new OCPL director Christian Zabriskie will be coming to FCL to do a storytime.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- 2020 budget was presented via email by Patty to the board.
  - voted on and approved by the board
- Referendum was voted on and approved by the board. A 2% increase was unanimously approved.
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## **Follow up**

- Christmas party
  - The Christmas party went well, and the staff enjoyed it.
- Christmas closing policy
  - Dick raised question regarding closure the day after Christmas.
    - The origin of the 12/26 closure was years ago as a way to show staff appreciation.
- New bathroom is in working order and looks nice
  - John wants to get a paper towel holder
  - Installing linoleum is a priority during the future flooring project
  - Installing a toilet seat with a children's seat option will also be a priority
- Staff development session went well
  - Staff feels they need more structure and more directed projects
- Savings accounts
  - online savings accounts with higher interest rates were discussed
- Director search
  - Update from the interview committee on the search.
  - One interview has taken place, 4 more are scheduled.
  - Second interviews will occur in early February
  - John will ask at the staff meeting on Thursday if the staff is interested in participating in the final interview
- Board members
  - Board will be soliciting new members, especially those with accounting experience
  - A link for the Board and upcoming board news will be included in the new website.
  - A training for library board members is likely going to be scheduled from OCPL

#### **Action Items**

- Interview team will continue with interviews.
- Gary will send his cell phone number to everyone.

#### **Board Approval(s)**

- 2% increase in referendum was unanimously approved.
- Proposed 2020 budget was unanimously approved.
- Annual meeting for elections of board members
  - Patty is renominated as treasurer
  - Gary is nominated as president
  - Jeff is nominated as vice president
  - Alison is nominated as secretary
  - All board members accepted nominations

**Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 7:51 PM for executive session to discuss personnel matters.

**Adjourned at 8:19 pm. The next scheduled meeting is February 19, 2020 at 7:00 pm.**