

Minutes: Board of Trustees, The Field Library, Monthly meeting

Thursday October 19, 2023

Present: President Most
Vice-president Bloom
Treasurer Foster
Secretary Douglas
Director Brown

Trustees Present: Alexander, Fortino, Kelley
Noble, Smith, Srinivasan

Trustees Absent: Galella,

Guests Present: Riley

Meeting called to order 7:03pm

Previous minutes to meeting September 21, 2023

Moved to be accepted by Smith, seconded by Noble. Abstain Foster Unanimously adopted.

Minutes to meeting July 20, 2023

Moved to be accepted by Srinivasan, seconded by Smith. Unanimously adopted.

Director's Report: Report accepted as offered. Legislature considering bill to prohibit bans on books in NY State.

Treasurer's Report: Current trends are in line with proposed/adopted budget. Treasurer requested designated funds from State be set aside for planning.

Statistics: Report accepted as offered.

WLS Report: WLS funding Connect Westchester- having identified several low income communities in need of assistance with digital divide, funding will provide resources to create digital equity. More info to follow

Friends of The Field Library: Chester Smith event April 24, 2024.

Grants: Hope for Youth grant to be pursued.

Committee Reports:

Audit: Audits completed.

Executive Committee: No report

Facilities Committee: Fire drill activity to be coordinated by Director/Fire Department for last week of October.

Finance Committee: Project end of year increase to adult programming budget; possible revision of mission of certain designated funds.

Fundraising: meeting end of month. Library staff contributing to wish list “Field of Dreams” for programs/activities which could be funded.

Governance: Charter revision still pending. Reminder Trustees must complete 2 hours of training annually. Proposed revision to Bylaws regarding excused/unexcused absences from Board meeting.

Human Resources: no report

Nominating committee: Election under New Business

Strategic Planning committee: no report

Web Design: Srinivasan, Fortino reported ongoing research- staff input being collected.

Discussion Items:

Governor still has not signed legislation regarding ballot signatures for budget. Naming rights policy to be drafted to address inquiry regarding naming of gallery.

Old Business: Lease finalized- to be discussed in Executive Session.

New Business:

Trustee Annual Elections:

Trustee Galella (2024-2026) Motion to be elected by Most, seconded by Noble, Unanimously adopted.

Trustee Kelley (2024-2026) Motion to be elected by Bloom, seconded by Smith, Unanimously adopted.

Trustee Srinivasan (2024-2026) Motion to be elected by Most, seconded by Smith, Unanimously adopted.

Officers Annual Election;

President Most (serving second term) motion to be elected by Kelley, seconded by Srinivasan, Elected with one abstention.

Vice President Bloom motion to be elected by Foster, seconded by Most. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer Noble motion to be elected by Kelley, seconded by Smith, Unanimously approved.

Secretary Fortino motion to be elected by Kelley, seconded by Most, Unanimously approved.

Moved to adjourn to Executive Session 8:01 pm. Moved by Srinivasan, seconded by Foster Unanimously voted. Purposes of Executive Session to discuss real estate issues.

Moved to exit Executive Session by Smith, seconded by Foster, Unanimously approved.

Moved to adjourn meeting Smith, seconded Bloom, Unanimously approved.

Meeting Adjourned 8:45pm. Next meeting November 16, 2023