



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
January 17, 2018

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by James Suhay at 7:31 p.m.

Library Board present: Frank Pisano, Bob Tera, Ashley Aidenbaum, Jim Suhay, David Underdown, Melissa Mark, and Student Representative Glennie Webster.

Absent and excused: None.

Library Staff present: Doug Koschik, Library Director; Rebekah Craft, Associate Director; and, Paul Gillin, Administrative Assistant.

Friends of the Library Liaison: Judy Vindici.

Contract community representatives present: Susan McCarthy, Bloomfield Hills Mayor Pro Tem.

Members of the public present: Jennifer Wheeler, LZG representatives: Bob Ziegelman, John Gardner, and Karen Swanson.

Suhay asked Webster to read aloud the Library's mission statement.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

1st Pisano

2nd Aidenbaum

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Suhay, Pisano, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum and Mark.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements: Suhay thanked the Board and staff members who attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 15, 2018.

Pisano acknowledged the following staff anniversaries: Koschik (27 years); Poprafsky (22 years); and Salucci (13 years).

Suhay thanked Capone and Webster for their past year of service as student representatives to the Board.

Mark presented a few notes from the ad hoc fund-raising committee, which has developed a three-prong approach to fundraising for the youth renovation. The first event will be at Rivage Day Spa on May 22, followed by a Books & Bites event on October 19, 2018, and a mailing in mid-November. Mark



then introduced Wheeler, who is chairing the Books and Bites event this year. Wheeler provided background about herself and the Books & Bites event, as it is presently envisioned.

Suhay invited the Friends Liaison Judy Vindici to speak. She reported that sales for December 2017 were \$1,020, which she attributed to a nice display of holiday materials across from the Circulation Desk. Vindici also talked about the March Bagels and Bags fundraising event and mentioned the annual meeting scheduled for March 21, 2018.

Craft mentioned a few of BPL's upcoming events of interest, which can be found on page 84 of the January Board packet.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: Tera reported that the Committee did not meet in January 2018 due to staff illness. Tera reports that the budget continues to track well.

Building Committee: Pisano reported that the Building Committee met three times: December 14, 2017; January 3, 2018; and, January 10, 2018. In addition, there were two working sessions held on December 20, 2017 and January 6, 2018. Complete minutes and notes of these meetings and working sessions can be found on pages 17-25 of the January Board packet. The next meeting of the Building Committee will take place on February 7, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Koschik then previewed to the Board and public the presentation he will make to the City Commission at its long-range planning session on January 27, 2018. Then he opened the floor to questions or comments. Suhay congratulated those involved for what he believes is an excellent proposal and design. Tera supported that commendation and stated that the presentation was excellent. Tera also expressed his appreciation to Suhay for all the time and effort he has invested on this endeavor.

4. Library Report:

Koschik highlighted a few major points of interest from the key metrics dashboard on page 52 of the January Board packet. Suhay stated that he was pleased with the increase in the number of and attendance at Library programs. Craft highlighted a few of the other items in the Library Report, including an update on Battle of the Books and a few recent personnel changes. Additional details of the Library Report can be found on pages 52 – 64 of the January Board packet.

5. Liaisons:

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: Susan McCarthy, Mayor Pro Tem, introduced herself and told a personal story about her first library card. She expressed appreciation for the Baldwin Library and was enthusiastic about the recent renovation. She offered to support the Library in any way possible, particularly in communicating Library news to the City of Bloomfield Hills.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. New and Miscellaneous Business: Koschik attended the January 17 Birmingham Public Arts



Board meeting, where he suggested that the Library and the Arts Board form a joint ad hoc committee to discuss the process for selecting sculptures for the Library property. The Public Arts Board was enthusiastic about working with the Library for this purpose. Koschik asked if any board members wished to serve on the committee to assist in the selection process. Mark and Aidenbaum agreed to do so

8. Information Only: See pages 65 – 84 of the January Board packet.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

1st Tera

2nd Underdown

Yeas: Suhay, Pisano, Tera, Underdown, Aidenbaum and Mark.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: None.

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, February 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Ashley Aidenbaum, Secretary

Date