



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES, REGULAR MEETING
September 16, 2019

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Tera at 5:31 p.m.

Library Board present: Bob Tera, Melissa Mark, Frank Pisano, Ashley Aidenbaum, and Student Representative Klea Ahmet

Absent and excused: James Suhay and David Underdown.

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

Tera asked Ahmet to read aloud the Library's Mission Statement.

Friends of the Library Liaison: Ryndee Carney.

Contract community representatives present: None.

Members of the public present: None.

2. Consent Agenda:

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

1st Aidenbaum

2nd Mark

A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: Tera, Mark, Aidenbaum, and Pisano.

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Suhay and Underdown.

The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Board Reports and Special Announcements:

Tera announced that there will be an open house before the November Board meeting; this will be an opportunity for the Board, staff and patrons to meet one another. In addition, there will be no Finance Committee report this evening. Finally, Tera acknowledged Director Koschik for his nearly 30 years of service.

Pisano mentioned that some libraries have eliminated overdue fines completely and inquired whether BPL had considered that. Koschik said it was not presently under consideration, but that the automatic renewal of items on which there were no holds has all but accomplished the same thing.

Next, Pisano acknowledged the following staff anniversaries: Patricia Henricks (2 years); Jessica Hoeck (2 years); Vicki Sower (12 years); Jeff Jimison (2 years); David Dapkus (2 years); Elizabeth Volpe (14



years); Brandon Bolek-Toubeaux (18 years); Josh Rouan (19 years); Barby Nixon (17 years); and, Judah Richardson (2 years).

Underdown arrived at 5:42 p.m.

Craft highlighted a few upcoming events of interest, details of which can be found on pages 101-102 of the September Board packet.

Board Committee Reports:

Finance Committee: There was no report.

Building Committee: Pisano reported that the working committee met several times over the past month and outlined a few highlights of those meetings; the complete report can be found on pages 14-42 of the September Board packet.

Motion: To recommend that the Birmingham City Commission approve the use of Guardian SNX 62/67 glass for the Youth Room Expansion and Renovation.

1st Pisano

2nd Mark

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Suhay.

The motion was approved unanimously.

It was then noticed that the motion just approved contained a mistake and an amended motion was made:

Motion: To recommend that the Birmingham City Commission approve the use of Guardian SNX 62/27 glass for the Youth Room Expansion and Renovation.

1st Pisano

2nd Mark

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Suhay.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Library Report:

Koschik and Craft each highlighted a few items from the Library Report. There were concerns expressed by various board members regarding the recent decision by Microsoft regarding Lynda.com and the changes it is implementing at Lynda.com. BPL has decided to switch to Gale rather than compromise patron privacy as would be required by the new Microsoft/Lynda.com policy requirements.



Crafted highlighted the results of the summer reading program, which can be found on pages 51-53 of the September Board packet. Craft also updated the Board on the new curbside pick-up service.

The complete report can be found on pages 43-67 of the September Board packet.

5. Liaisons:

Friends of Baldwin Public Library: Ryndee Carney mentioned that President Pam DeWeese resigned due to health reasons and that she had been elected the new president. The Friends donated about \$50,000 to the Library last year. Mark asked how members there were, and Carney answered that there were 300+ paying members.

Beverly Hills: There was no report.

Bloomfield Hills: There was no report.

6. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business.

7. New and Miscellaneous Business: Aidenbaum asked if we had considered putting drawings of the Youth renovation project on the outside of the building. It will be done.

8. Information Only: See pages 69-102 of the September Board packet.

9. Adjournment:

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

1st Underdown

2nd Mark

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

Nays: None.

Absent and excused: Suhay.

The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Melissa Mark, Secretary

Date