

Ridgefield Library Board Meeting
May 19, 2014

Present: Marc Colamaria (Vice-Chair); Rob Ellis; Woody Harford; Robert McKean; Lorraine Mellon (via Conference Call); Dean Miller; George Nichols; Mary Mann Smith; Bob Whitton

Others present: Chris Nolan, Library Director; Mary Rindfleisch, Assistant Director; Colleen Harkey, Director of Development; Rhonda Hill, President of the Friends; Leslie Vuilleumier, Executive Assistant

Excused: Matt Byrnes; Shane Casey; Peter Coffin (Chair); Liz Kelly; Philip Lodewick; David Schaffer

Call to Order

Vice Chair Marc Colamaria called the Board meeting to order on May 19, 2014 at 7:40 pm in the Dayton Program Room.

Friends of the Ridgefield Library

Rhonda Hill reported the unwanted donated books are being picked up by Domus. The Friends are having difficulty finding places that will pick-up the used books.

The Friends have been giving tours of the new Library building and are receiving very positive comments.

A gift book was put in the Great Expectations Goodie Bag courtesy of the Friends.

On June 14, the Friends will be receiving an "Outstanding Friends" award from the CT Friends group.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 28, 2014 were approved.

Chairman's Announcements

Marc Colamaria thanked all for their support and participation at the Great Expectations Event. Board donations for the Staff Appreciation Lunch were requested to be given to Lorraine Mellon.

Development and Gala

Colleen Harkey announced the upcoming business partnership events with So Good Vegan, Dimitri's and the Gallo Bartender Event.

An email appeal will be going out next week to help us achieve year end donations to meet our Annual Appeal goal. This email will include a video insert of the many programs and services at the Ridgefield Library. Mailings will be sent for reminders at the Guardian Society level.

Great Expectations was sold out. The approximate net was \$81,000. The Wish Tree and Mural brought in \$5,850. Thank yous were given to all those businesses that donated items to the event.

Raised to Date-Campaign contributions increased by \$85,500 since the last report. There were 5 donations for the Wall of Donors and \$12,000 donated for spines on the Community Mural.

Governance Committee

The Governance Committee recommended that the following candidates be recommended for Board membership: Amanda Bergen, David Yaun and Gary Rapp. A motion was made to this effect, seconded and approved. The full list of candidates with the Library's three recommended choices will be brought to

Rudy Marconi by Marc Colamaria and Library Director Chris Nolan for his approval. A motion to approve an additional 3 year term for Bob Whitton and Mary Mann Smith was made by George Nichols, seconded by Robert McKean, voted on and approved. Another motion was made to ratify the updated by-laws presented at the previous meeting and was passed.

Finance

The monies held at Vanguard will be distributed between two financial firms for a more active management once the accounts are fully set up. This shift away from Vanguard was discussed at last month's Board meeting. The Financials are looking good to the end of the year.

Approval of Special Fund

A motion was made to approve a special fund in memory of Noreen Papa to use for educational endeavors connected to women's health. This would be an ongoing fund. The motion was passed.

Scotts Ridge Memorial Collection

Another motion was passed to approve the concept of special collection in the Lodewick Children's Library in memory of those children's who died in the Sandy Hook tragedy.

Marketing Initiatives

Alexander Isley has completed the first phase of the marketing plan for "Opening Weekend". Woody Harford's committee will continue to work with him for the Opening Year.

Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session was made, seconded, voted on and approved. Leslie Vuilleumier, Colleen Harkey and Mary Rindfleisch were excused.

The Board went back into open session.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully recorded,
Leslie Vuilleumier
Executive Assistant