

Ridgefield Library Board Meeting
May 18, 2015

Present: Amanda Bergen; Matt Byrnes; Marc Colamaria (Board Chair); Rob Ellis; Woody Harford; Philip Lodewick; Dean Miller; Gary Rapp; Mary Mann Smith; Bob Whitton; David Yaun

Others present: Chris Nolan, Library Director; Mary Rindflesich, Assistant Director; Laureen Bubniak, Director of Development; Leslie Vuilleumier, Executive Assistant; Dorothy Pawlowski, Adult Services Dept. Head; Lesley Lambton, Programming Director; Laurie McGavin Bachmann, Programming Assistant; Magda Fincham; Barbara Safron; Darwin Ellis; Len Valhos; John Patrick; Cloris Pearson

Excused: Shane Casey; Liz Kelly; George Nichols

Before the Board meeting was called to order, we had two speakers – Len Valhos and John Patrick gave presentations on trends in publishing and libraries to the Board Members, staff and patrons.

Call to Order

Board Chair Marc Colamaria called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 pm on May 18, 2015 in the Dayton Program Room.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 29, 2015 Library Board meeting were approved as amended.

Friends of the Ridgefield Library

The spring book sale has wrapped up. Unfortunately, some of the proceeds were stolen during the event. New procedures will be in place for the fall sale to avoid this happening again.

The Friends Annual meeting will be a dinner on June 1. A printed invitation was sent out.

Chairman's Announcements

Board Chair Marc Colamaria congratulated Chris Nolan on being voted Rotary's "Citizen of the Year". The award's dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 3, 2015.

Library Director's Report

Library Director, Chris Nolan asked that all board members look closely at the State Library Funding Report. She asked that Board Members write to the Connecticut legislators to urge restoration of funds for Connecticut Library Consortium. The Library has processed 27 passports to date.

Endowment Team

Bob Whitton will be meeting with the team tomorrow, May 19. They are almost finished with the planning and are getting ready to hand it over to the Funding Team.

Governance Committee

The Nominating Committee has the following Board Officers to be voted on. They are: Chair, Mark Colamaria; Vice Chair, Dean Miller; Treasurer, Gary Rapp; and Secretary, Bob Whitton. A motion was made to accept these members for next year's Board Officers. A vote was taken and passed.

Board Buddies are needed to mentor the four new Board Members coming in for FY 2015-16. If interested, contact Gary Rapp or Chris Nolan. Rudy Marconi has already met with some of the new Board Members. He has 30 days to approve them.

Finance

Dean Miller went over the items on the revised FY 2015-16 budget. A motion to move to accept the budget was made, voted on and approved.

Development Committee

The Gala brought in \$117,000 this year. There will be another mailing for the Annual Appeal for the end of the year donations. Thank you calls and notes are going out to donors.

The Paccadolmi Awards event is currently being organized. ComiCon is scheduled for July 25. The committee is taking suggestions on a fund raising part of this event. The Library is looking to plan joint segments of the event with the Prospector. This fall, a "Spin" fund raiser is scheduled for September.

Emerging Trends

Bob Whitton thanked Chris Nolan and Philip Lodewick for their part in obtaining the two speakers at tonight's meeting - Ken Vlahos and John Patrick

Library Merchandise Update

The committee has met twice. George Nichols is obtaining the sales permit for sales to start on July 1. There will be approximately 10 new items for sale plus three already in house. More information needs to be gathered to have final numbers of the amount of money to be spent on inventory. Once that information has been obtained, an email will be sent to Board Members to approve the funding.

Communications Committee

The committee is working on revenue generation for the Library in the areas of tutoring services, technology classes, maker space activities, etc.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Vuilleumier
Executive Assistant