

October 8, 2013

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:10 p.m. at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Susan Gately
Judy Finkel
Jyoti Datta
Deborah Packard
Joshua Perro
Phyllis Harrington
Dianne Bruce
Dante Comparetto

Director's Absent:

Tara Young
Jabian Gutierrez
James Kersten
William S. Coleman, III

Staff Present:

Wei Jeng-Chu
John S. Weedon
Denise McGinley
Denise Faucher
Elizabeth Giangrande
Anne Hrobsky
Paula Korstvedt

1. Call to Order.

1.1 Gately called the meeting to order after reaching a quorum at 5:30 p.m.

2. Minutes of September 10, 2013. Gately asked if there were any changes to the minutes.

There being none, Bruce moved, seconded by Finkel to approve the minutes.

The minutes of September 10, 2013 were approved.

Gately announced the agenda would be taken out of order to hear the Committee on Administration report.

3. Committee on Administration, Finkel.

3.1 Finkel reported the Committee met September 10, 2013 to hire candidates for various open positions of the Worcester Public Library.

Bruce moved, seconded by Datta to approve the Committee on Administration report.

4. Finance Committee Report, Packard.

4.1 Packard reported the Finance Committee was postponed due to a lack of quorum.

5. President's Report.

5.1 Gately reported she had asked Jeng-Chu to prepare a new table of organization for the library, which is extremely flexible and expands on the various functions of the library. Gately also reported that after a quorum issue being raised, she believes it may be wise to have some committee

numbers dropped to three rather than four. Finkel also recommended that Ad Hoc committees could be used if necessary. Gately reported that the Roosevelt Grand Opening will be at 3:30 p.m. on October 30th and the Open House will run from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

6. Report of Marketing Committee, Perro.

6.1 In Coleman's absence Perro reported that the Marketing Committee met again to review the tag line of the new Library logo. It was the Committee's recommendation that "Your Open Door to Opportunity" be endorsed.

7. Head Librarian's Report.

7.1 Jeng-Chu reported on the structure change that was in the report and that the Life Long Learning & Information Team was formerly the Reference Department. Harrington asked that the staff be made aware of the table of organization. Jeng-Chu let the Board know that when the Law Department was reviewing the Rules for Directors, the Deputy City Solicitor noted that our reference to the Revised Ordinances were outdated. There was a suggested corrected copy in the Board packet for the Board to review. Weedon stated he attended the C.W. Mars User Council Meeting. Weedon observed a minority of the members were dissatisfied with Evergreen and there is some movement to look at potential vendors, but he was doubtful that C.W. Mars would eliminate Evergreen. Jeng-Chu reported that C.W. Mars is proposing a 6.1% increase of the user fees. Weedon let the Board know he attended the 40th anniversary dinner of Literacy Volunteers and the Library was presented with an award.

8. WPL Foundation, Kersten.

8.1 No report available.

9. Friends Update, Comparetto.

8.1 Comparetto stated that he had nothing to report.

10. Adjournment.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Jyoti Datta, Secretary

(Recorded by Denise H. McGinley)