

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Worcester Public Library was called to order at 5:01pm on January 10, 2017 at the Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square, Worcester, MA.

Directors Present:

Judy Finkel
Jim Comes
Stephanie Pasha
Toby Pedone
Anne O'Connor
Joshua Perro
Katherine Bagdis
Michelle Keane
Matt Bejune
John Carnege
Robert Sorrenti

Directors Absent:

Collins Nuamah

Staff Present:

Geoffrey Dickinson
Cara Stone
Pingshen Chen
Paula Korstvedt
Sulma Rubert-Silva
Cynthia Bermudez

Guests Present:

Christine Murray
Todd Williams

1. Call to Order.
Dickinson called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
2. First order of business was the election of the Board President. The Board had one nomination for President, Judy Finkel. Voting by a show of hands with 10 votes, Judy Finkel was elected as President.
 - 3.1 Election of Vice President, the Board had one nomination for Vice President, Anne O'Connor. Voting by a show of hands with 10 votes, Anne O'Connor was elected as Vice President.
 - 3.2 Election of Secretary, the Board had one nomination for Secretary, Stephanie Pasha. Voting by a show of hands with 10 votes, Stephanie Pasha was elected as Secretary.
 - 3.3 Election of Treasurer, the Board had one nomination for Treasurer, James Comes. Voting by a show of hands with 10 votes, James Comes was elected as Treasurer.
 - 3.4 Election of Finance Committee members, the Board had three nominations for Finance Committee
 - Katherine Bagdis – nominated by Finkel
 - John Carnege– nominated by himself
 - Bob Sorrenti – nominated by Perro

Finkel asked if the nominees would like to speak as to why they would like to serve on the Finance Committee.

Carnege – No Comment
Bagdis - No Comment
Sorrenti – No Comment

The voting for the Finance Committee members held by ballot; Stone read the results aloud as follows:

Carnege – received 5 votes
Sorrenti – received 4 votes
Bagdis – received 2 votes

As no member received majority of the votes, a second ballot is cast; Stone read the results of the second ballot aloud as follows:

Carnege – received 7 votes
Sorrenti – received 4 votes

- 3.5 Committee assignments sheets were handed out for Board member preferences. Finkel will form each committee and notify the Board member of the committees they will serve.
3. Finkel spoke about the Attendance policy and the importance of attending both Board and Committee meetings. She stated that the Board does not meet in July and August, and that the Administration Committee with permission through the Board may meet, if necessary. She stated that the Board operates under the Open Meeting Law for all meetings.
 4. Minutes of December 13, 2016. Finkel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. With their being no changes to the minutes, Perro moved, seconded by Pedone to approve the December 13, 2016 minutes.
The minutes of December 13, 2016, were approved.
 5. Dickinson reported on the update of the Master Plan; LLB was chosen as the design firm to lead this project. They are currently in the proposal phase with John O'Dell and the EAM group at City Hall. With the many different phases of the project, O'Dell stated that construction could start early fall of 2017.
 - 6.1 Dickinson; reported that he and Paula Korstvedt toured Beverly's Mobile Library and are going to be touring the New Haven Book Mobile. He will be setting up a meeting with the Buildings and Grounds Committee once they have decided on a model.
 - 6.2 Dickinson stated that he had attended a cabinet meeting this morning and that the City is working on their Strategic Plan and a new Website; He also informed the Board of the new Public Records Law that took effect January 1, 2017 and that Cara Stone will be the person handling requests for the Library.
 6. Finkel thanked Dickinson and the staff for all of their hard work.
 7. Adjournment. There being no further business, Bejune moved to adjourn the meeting, Comes seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:37p.m.