

Minutes of the April 25, 2023 RFRR Board Meeting

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:33. One member of the public was in attendance. She is new to town and interested in the library.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda is the March 28, 2023 meeting minutes. Kathleen moved to approve the consent agenda. Jan seconded. All approved.

President's Report

Kirstin had no report.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Chris reported that, in honor of National Library Week, a special appeal had gone out. So far there has not been a big return but it was useful to get our message out. He has met with the Auxiliary Board about their new social media plans. He reported that the BAR has approved the plans for repair of the widow's walk. He has also spoken with the architect regarding any permits needed for the upcoming renovation. Beginning on May 1, WLS will roll out a new catalog which will incorporate all holdings of materials including physical and digital material in one search and provide recommendations. Chris then reviewed the first quarter statistics, which showed strong increases in circulation and program over last year. Some statistics from Osborn didn't track due to the change of personnel there. He has asked WLS to track our wifi stats as they seem inconsistent with previous periods. Acquisition numbers are lower because of issues with Baker & Taylor.

Adult Services

In keeping with the theme of National Library Week which is "There's more to the story," Catherine conducted a demonstration of a display that was in the library which highlighted the breadth of the collection and the various formats available. The board was impressed and hoped that more publicity would be possible.

Teen Services

Catherine reported that Sara had instituted a 'Quiet Hour' beginning at 5:00 pm in the teen room to facilitate study. This has been well received and is bringing in a new group of teens.

Children's Services

Catherine reported good attendance at several recent programs including Cooking with Kids, slime making and bunny scavenger hunt. She showed the board the explorer bags from the Audubon Society which could be checked out.

Auxiliary Board

Georgia reported that the gross sales for the Vehicle Fair scheduled for May 21 are already \$16,000. The goal for the event is \$20,000. They expect many walk-ins. This event has a number of local sponsors. Dianna reported that they have a new social media strategy. Over 11,000 people are reached through Instagram.

Financial Report

Katie reported a profit of over \$171,000 for the first quarter. Heating expenses have been higher during this period. The finance committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to review the library's various banking relationships. She asked for a motion to accept the March 2023 financials. Jen so moved and Emilie seconded. All approved.

Mission Moments

Chris noted several upcoming programs including Mark Shenker's session on "King Lear" on May 7; floral arrangements with Nancy on June 1; and the Vehicle Fair on May 21.

New Business

Chris reported on the progress with the architects. The excavation company will be reporting their findings to Skolnick later this week. We should get the final report by the middle of next week. Chris has been looking at furniture for the relocation projects. Carousels and bins might be used in the children's room. He has spoken with several major donors who have been in favor of our temporary moving plans. He passed out conflict of interest forms to the board.

There being no further business, Kirstin called for a motion to adjourn. Kathleen so moved and Jan seconded. All approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08.

Action: The Board approve the April 2023 meeting minutes