

Minutes of the November 19, 2024 RFRR Board Meeting

Present: Kirstin Bucci, Lina Eroh, Katie Vernace, Jan Kelsey, Kathleen Riegelhaupt, Matt Anderson, Nicole Cunningham, Jennifer McArdle, Jill Macvicar, Elizabeth Parks, Emilie Reddoch, Georgia Dyer, Diane Martin

Kirstin Bucci called the meeting to order at 7:36. Four members of the public were present.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda contained the minutes of the October 2024 board meeting and the October 2024 financial statement. Jan made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

President's Report

Kirstin reminded the board about the trustee education requirement that must be completed by the end of the year. She also reminded the board that all members were expected to contribute to the library's annual campaign. She reported that the city council had given the library the funding that we had requested and had praised Chris and the library. Kirstin then complimented Chris and the entire library staff on the handling of the recent incident involving a homeless man at the library. Kirstin presented a proposal to reduce the number of board meetings in 2025 to encourage attendance and to increase committee participation. A discussion ensued. It was determined that the modified schedule as proposed of seven meetings left too big a gap in the summer. An additional meeting was added to the proposed schedule. Matt moved that the board approve the modified meeting schedule as amended. Kathleen seconded. All approved.

Staff Reports

Director's Report

Chris reported on having a very good meeting with the city. They are very supportive of and pleased with the library. He is working on the thank you lists for donors. He thanked all who attended the spelling bee. He reported that the library was contacted

by an online service that assists with will preparation and planned giving which, for a fee, facilitates the library's inclusion in bequests. He will know more about it in December. A part-time building manager will be hired soon. Chris presented the 2025 holiday closing schedule to the board for its approval. Emilie moved to approve the schedule. Jan seconded. All approved.

Children's Services

Catherine reported that the Discovery Zone is very popular. Sensory storytime is a new program. It is very different from the regular storytimes. It is growing in popularity. Attendance is up to 14 children. Christ Church Nursery School has been sending classes to the library.

Teen Services

Catherine reported that the library lock-in was held last week. The teens asked for a waffle program. Waffle Wednesday will take place once a month.

Adult Services

Catherine reported that the Rye Storytellers held a meeting on Saturday. Rye High School parents also had a meeting at the library. New patron folders have been sent to all realtors in town. The floral arrangement craft class was very popular. The next session of Pies & Pages will involve cookies.

Development

Lina reminded all trustees to give to the annual campaign. We are at 62% of the campaign goal going into December. Holiday Open House is the next scheduled Friends' event.

Finance

Katie reported that plans are being made about approaching the city about covering more of the library's operating expenses. This year's presentation gently laid the groundwork.

Buildings and Grounds

Chris outlined the history of the sea wall and his conversations with Steve Otis, Shelley Mayer and the city and county to address the sea wall comprehensively.

Nominating

Kirstin presented the slate for the class of 2028. Kathleen moved that the slate as presented be approved. Matt seconded. All approved. Kirstin then presented the officers for 2025: Lina as President; Georgia as Vice President; Jan as Secretary; and Katie as Treasurer. Jen moved to approve the slate of officers for 2025. Matt seconded. All approved.

Kirstin requested a motion for the board to go into executive session to discuss employment for a particular person. Jan so moved and Jen seconded. The board went into executive session at 8:42.

The board came out of executive session at 8:55. Emilie moved that the board approve management compensation as discussed in executive session. Jen seconded. All approved.

There being no further business, Kirstin called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathleen so moved. Jan seconded. All approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:57.

Action : The Board approve the November meeting minutes