

Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting

Board Room - 7:00 pm

December 20, 2023

Trustees Present: Barrie Rosen, (presiding), Scott Bennewitz, Andrea Berkley, Bob Boroujerdi, Dave Briggs, Ben Chan, Randy Herbertson, Celeste LaCroix, Jay Norris, Stefano Pacifico, Krishna Patel, Jeremy Price, Barrie Rosen, Martina Sze, Mark Silverstein, Andrew Wilk, Peter Zakowich

Trustees Absent: Anna Alemani, Melissa Banks, Sheila Ward, Pat Wieser

Guests: Kristin Mott

The meeting was called to order by Barrie at 7:00 p.m.

President's Report: B. Rosen

Barrie reported that the MakerSpace is being phased out due to an increasing lack of usage. In the immediate future, 3D printers will be made available to patrons. The space eventually will be repurposed.

She also noted that the Library will experiment with new AI technology for the MLK event. She encouraged everyone to come and participate in the event.

She thanked everyone who has contributed to the Annual Appeal and let everyone know that the next Book Sale will be in May.

Finance Committee: S. Bennewitz

Scott reported that the Budget Committee has met 4 times and will resume on January 4th. The Investment Committee met on December 1 and did not suggest any changes. While the markets were down, they were otherwise satisfied with the performance of the investments.

Treasurer's Report: P. Zakowich

Peter reported that the budget remains on track.

The café and store continue to do well, especially during the holiday season.

He pointed out that \$40,000 worth of legal fees regarding FOIA had not been accounted or planned for.

Governance & Nominations Committee: J. Price

Jeremy reported that the committee reviewed and revised the Trustee Recruitment timeline for this year's search. Bill has also revised the ad which will be sent out. Fundraising as a skillset is a top priority this year.

He also encouraged the group to cultivate possible candidates throughout the year.

Development Committee: A. Berkley

Andrea reported that the Annual Appeal has received gifts from 391 donors totaling \$218,000. Of those 391 donors, 45 are new.

Three more emails will be sent before the end of the year.

The Giving Societies idea has been well received.

Finally, Andrea asked for volunteers to help Bill and staff market the upcoming benefit and fundraising featuring the Brubeck Quartet. Stefano agreed to help and Barrie will reach out to Sheila and Anna to solicit their help.

Executive Director Report: B. Harmer

Bill thanked everyone for an extraordinary year.

He welcomed Kristin Mott, the newly reelected Chair of the RTM/LMA.

The Annual Report is live and he thanked staff for their input and especially Julie Bonington for the extraordinary design features. He encouraged everyone to share with their friends.

Finally he reviewed highlights from his report which was previously distributed to the Board.

New Business

None

Other Business

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Andrew Wilk entertained a motion to adjourn and Jeremy Price seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Robin Powell for Melissa Banks
Secretary