

Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Board Room and Zoom - 7:00 pm
March 20, 2024

Trustees Present: Pat Wieser (presiding), Anna Alemani, Melissa Banks, Scott Bennewitz, Andrea Berkley, Bob Boroujerdi, Dave Briggs, Ben Chan, Randy Herbertson, Celeste LaCroix, Jay Norris, Krishna Patel, Jeremy Price, Martina Sze, Mark Silverstein, Peter Zakowich

Trustees Absent: Stefano Pacifico, Sheila Ward, Andrew Wilk

Guests: Karl Mergenthaler, Kristin Mott

The meeting was called to order by Pat at 7:04 p.m.

Mission Moment:

Brendan Toller gave an overview of the 5-day VersoFest experiences coming up.

President's Report: P. Wieser

The minutes from the February meeting, were reviewed. Pat made a motion to approve and Randy Herbertson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Pat encouraged everyone to volunteer at some point during the 5 day VersoFest music festival and asked Robin to follow up with everyone. EJ spoke about the marketing efforts leading up to VersoFest and offered to send social media info for posting on personal pages.

Pat shared that 14 CV's have been received from potential trustee candidates. She, Bill, and Sheila will review them to weed out those that don't fit this year's criteria. Next step is for Robin to send out the email questionnaire and follow up by scheduling the interviews for May 1 and May 2.

Pat reported that a subcommittee has been formed regarding Board Communications. Bob, Martina and Melissa have been asked to spearhead that committee and accepted. They will report back at an upcoming meeting.

Finance Committee: S. Bennewitz

Scott reported that on March 18, 2024 the Board of Finance considered the Library's FY24-25 Appropriation request and approved funding unanimously.

Next steps are to meet with the RTM/LMA committees. The date has not been set yet. Four solid RFP's for new audit firms have been received. Two have been selected to be interviewed and discuss their proposals. The target is to have a choice to bring to the Board by May. The firm selected will be responsible for auditing the current years budget.

Treasurer's Report: P. Zakowich

Peter reported the deficit has been reduced to \$16,000, down from \$42,000 in January. The forecast has not changed.

Governance & Nominations Committee: P. Wieser

Pat reported on Sheila's behalf that the committee is currently in the thick of the recruiting process. 14 candidates have submitted a letter of interest and resumes. They will be reviewed and those selected to move on in the process will receive an email questionnaire.

Development Committee: A. Berkley

Andrea shared that she had attended a SMART event recently at the Library...and said it was like taking a Master Class in Art Appreciation. To date, \$311,000 has been raised for the Annual Appeal. Another letter will be going out in April and the year-end wrap-up will go out in June.

Andrea shared that April 3, which coincides with the start of VersoFest is Library Giving Day through ALA. Andrea shared that part of the Development roadmap is to host smaller fundraisers to help raise money. The Brubeck Quartet was the first and was quite successful. Finally, Andrea encouraged everyone to stop by the Library to see the Forum all set up for the DMA Fashion Show.

Executive Director Report: B. Harmer

Bill reviewed highlights from his report which was previously distributed to the Board. He shared that the Brubeck event surpassed the projected development goal. He also shared that Jennifer Bangers has resigned and will be moving to NYC with her husband. There are two new art exhibits in the Library and two upcoming Common Ground events. Exciting news – Billy Jean King has agreed to be the Booked for the evening honoree.

New Business

None

Other Business

There being no further business to come before the meeting, Celeste LaCroix entertained a motion to adjourn and Andrea Berkley seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Banks
Secretary