

EAST PROVIDENCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
April 6, 2022

Present: M.Marcotte (Chair), K. Dias, E. Ingraham, C. LaRoux, D. Paiva, P. Silva

Absent: P.Armstrong

Staff: M.Bonds-Harmon, Acting Director

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Marcotte at 4:04pm.

The March minutes were approved as read with a motion by Ms.Dias seconded by Mr. Paiva.

Friends Update: The Friends are preparing for the semi-annual book sale April 7-10. The Membership goal of 300 was reached in March recording 303 members, the largest number of members ever. The Friends received a contribution in honor of retiring Director Joyce May by Vivian and Dan Weisman. Volunteers have been trained on the condition of books that qualify for re-sale. 196 hours of volunteer service were recorded for the month of March.

Financial Report: The Maintenance line item will be in the red due to unexpected problems with the new sprinkler system.

Old Business: Library Director Search: We received seven resumes and found there was not enough choice to interview. The job will be posted again for four weeks. The City HR Department will contact the present candidates. Ms. Marcotte has spoken with the Director of Administration regarding salary for Ms. Bonds-Harmon as Acting Director and for Mr. LaRoux to consult until a new Director has been hired. The new sprinkler system has been tested and hooked up to the EPFD; they will inspect and then sign off. The elevator needs a valve replaced.

New Business: A motion to approve Ms. Bonds-Harmon as Acting Director and to approve Mr. LaRoux as Consultant was made by Ms. Dias and seconded by Mr. Silva. A 65K grant has been received for Take It Outside, a designated play space on the Weaver lawn. The Trustees requested photos of the equipment. A Drag Queen Story Hour at Riverside is planned for June, Pride Month. Attendance will be by registration. A Drag performer will sing and read stories to children and families. Pam and Meredith met with the West Warwick librarian who had this event last year.

Staff Update: The Digital/Reference Services Librarian has been hired as well as the Fuller Library Aide who started on April 4th allowing for a third staff there. There is one in-house candidate who meets the qualifications for Head of Reference. We are hoping to get a summer library aide from the Mayor's summer hiring program.

Director's Report: Inna Walker, Chair of the Library Foundation, hopes to join us for the May or June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm on motion by Ms. Dias and seconded by Mr. Paiva.