

East Providence Public Library Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting: June 5, 2024 at 4:30 PM at Weaver Library

ROLL CALL

Krystal Alves Amoroso - present

Patti Armstrong - absent

Kathy Dias - present

Betsy Ingraham - present

Chris LaRoux - present

Peg Marcotte (Chair) - present

Paul Silva - present

Also attending:

- Meredith Bonds-Harmon, Library Director
- Pamela Schwieger, Assistant Director
- Cheryl Muth, President of the Friends of the East Providence Public Library
- Deb Tirrell, Cataloging & Acquisitions Librarian

1. Call to order: 4:30
2. Review and approval of May 2024 minutes
 - a. Paul motioned to approve, Kathy seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Friends' report
 - a. Cheryl Muth, Friends President shared a post book sale report with the Trustees
 - b. Written version filed
4. Director's report
 - a. Financial report
 - b. Personnel
 - c. Facilities
 - i. \$29,000 for an emergency air conditioning repair - Finance Director verified we had enough surplus in our salary line to cover these emergency repairs in the Library budget
 - d. Grants
 - i. Champlin Grant - received \$185K award for interior improvements at Weaver
5. Assistant Director's report
 - a. usage statistics
 - b. Summer Reading Program
 - c. Upcoming Summer Programs

6. Guest: Deb Tirrell: Cataloguing & Acquisitions Librarian
 - a. Deb explained what she does.
 - i. She is happy to have a new assistant.
7. Executive Session: Grievances
 - a. Chris moved that the Board of Trustees go into executive session, pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a)(1), to discuss staff grievances filed pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement.
 - b. Kathy seconded.
 - c. No votes were taken
 - d. Motion to return to open session
8. Old Business
 - a. Juneteenth ad hoc decision
 - i. Mayor DaSilva has closed non emergency city offices on June 19 in honor of Juneteenth
9. New Business
 - a. Discussion and vote, Long Range Plan
 - i. Chris made the point that in Goal 2 Objective 2 the Library can celebrate and recognize culture and background through programming, and displays & collections.
 - ii. Kathy made a motion to accept the LRP, with the edit from Chris, Krystal seconded. It was unanimously accepted.
 - iii. Meredith will provide a six month review of progress of the goals and objectives of the Long Range Plan with the Trustees in November 2024
10. Adjournment
 - a. Betsy motioned, Chris seconded. All in favor.

Upcoming Meetings

September 4, 2024, 4:30pm at Fuller Creative Learning Center

October 2, 2024, 4:30pm

November 6, 2024, 4:30pm

December 4, 2024, 4:30pm