

Lawrence Public Library Friends & Foundation Board Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2023

Present: Brandon Eisman, Mary Gage, Nancy Hambleton, Kelly Hart, Annamarie Hill, Jane Medina, Kassie Nieters, Craig Penzler, Rachel Rademacher, Stan Ring, Dan Storey, and Imani Wadud

Staff Present: Angela Hyde, Logan Isaman, Kathleen Morgan

Welcome and introductions

- Rachel's final meeting as board chair! Thank you!
- Kelly Hart joins us as the new Trustees representative

Consent Agenda

- March 27, 2023 meeting minutes
 - March 2023 financial statements
- Motion to approve from Jane/Craig - Approved

Board of Trustees Report

- Kelly and Kathleen report on Trustees April 17th meeting
- Policy reviews continue
- Budget for 2023 was approved
 - Budget calls for a flat mill
 - County estimating around 9% increase in valuations
 - Health insurance increasing 30-35%
 - Will include a new vision plan for staff

Executive Director's report

- Kathleen reports
- New endowed fund for Retirement Boot Camp from Sharyn and David Katzman! \$24,000 principal; dividend and interest gains will support programming expenses in the future.
 - Mini fundraiser upcoming on Sunday, July 16 for a BBQ and wine pairing with Burning Barrel and Steve Wilson to help build the fund.
- Retirement Boot Camp has grown to an 800-person email list. The most recent participant to sign up was Mayor Lisa Larsen.
- Audit happened on April 4. No major problems were found. Auditors will give us a report when it's ready.
- Annual Meeting on 5/1 at 5 PM.

Committee reports

1. On-site book sales
 - Annamarie reports on the Spring Book Sale
 - \$22,800!! Best Sunday EVER!

- Gave away over 900 books to community partners and volunteers today in addition to that.
2. Internet sales
 - Stan reports
 - A \$1500 book sold on eBay!
 3. Membership and fundraising
 - Dan reports
 - \$42k for the month of March
 - Major restricted gift from the Katzmans
 - Unrestricted gifts brought in \$14k

Old business

1. May Reminder: By-laws review (Exec committee and Craig)
 - Goal to review governing documents every three years
2. Nominations for 2023-24: board member and officers:
 - Brandon as Chair
 - Kassie as Vice Chair
 - Joan as Treasurer
 - Jane as Secretary
 - At large: Dan Storey finishes his term; Blanca Herrada is the new nominee. She will be voted on at the May 1st Annual Meeting
 - Annamarie as the On-site Sales Chair
 - Stan as Internet Sales Chair
 - Nancy as Membership and Fundraising Chair

New business

- Annual Meeting next Monday 5/1:
 - Present 2022 Annual Report
 - About 50 RSVPs to date
 - Celebrate 2022
 - Bookish crafts
- May 22nd board meeting at 5:30 PM (note new time!)
- Library leadership staff met today to form strategic plan for the library; draft will be presented to the Trustees this summer.

Adjournment

5:31 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Logan Isaman