

LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

May 5, 2022

Virtual Meeting hosted through WebEx

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Brenda Perea called the meeting to order at 5:41 PM. Those in attendance: Brenda Perea, Paula Vargas, and Shannon Day.

Absent: Shameka Alford, Nora McIntyre,

Staff members present: Midori Clark, Karen Erdman (recording secretary)

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Shannon moved to approve the minutes from April 7, 2022. Paula seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements at this time.

IV. PUBLIC INVITED TO BE HEARD

No members of the public present at this time.

V. OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Shannon motioned to elect Paula Vargas Chair and Shannon Day Vice-Chair. Brenda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- B. Two Board Applicants – Brenda interviewed two applicants and is recommending them both for positions on the Library Board.
 1. Jessica Gagnon an academic librarian from Wichita, KS. She was on the library board in Wichita, too. She offered to yoga at a board meeting.
 2. Patrick Waggoner is a federal government grand administrator. Very enthusiastic. Brenda moved to accept the two applicants, Jessica Gagnon and Patrick Waggoner, and approve them for positions on the Library Board. Shannon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Paula will write up the message to the council (Paula will write it; send it to Midori to approve or revise; then send it back to each of the board members to send out to their Ward Council person. Ward VI also gets sent to the at-large chair).
- D. Shannon needs a new name tag: Shannon Day; staff will wait to order until the two new members are on board.

VII. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIR

1. Brenda stated that she is going to miss the Library Board because it is a really great group to work with. Midori is an awesome leader and has taken the burden of being a trustee off their

shoulders. Brenda went to her new local library and applied to be a member of that library board.

2. Midori thanked Brenda for being an amazing board member. Midori spoke saying Brenda has helped make the board better, more communicative, and more organized. Midori thanked her for working on the Marketing Plan and for her general enthusiasm and for always lending a hand.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE DIRECTOR

- A. The Library & Cultural Services is reviving an internal communications report – The City Manager’s Report. The Aurora Scholars was an incredible event to be able to kick-off rejoining the report. Everyone on the board was emailed this communication, so please check your spam folders.
- B. Midori reported on the Aurora Scholars event. The event ran over two nights for a total of 2135 people coming into the library. There were 500 kids at each event. This was the first time this event was held at the library. The library planned for months working out the logistics of the event: how do we host this even while the library is still open and parking. Midori spoke about how impactful the Aurora Scholars was especially to immigrant families. Speaking of a daughter of an immigrant, Midori stated that it is one thing for your kid to get an award, and another when you’ve immigrated to a new country to create a better life for your children and then to receive this acknowledgement that your children are making it in this new country. It is such validation and very important. The price to put on the event was \$17,000 but was a small price to pay. Midori stated she was able to reconnect to her mission and her purpose and to what she is doing. Mayor Coffman was able to be there for all 4 award ceremonies, too.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE MEMBERS

Shannon shared with the group the letter she wrote to the council to use as a template.

X. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. Shannon will take over Ward VI moving forward. Paula has Ward II. Nora has Ward IV.
2. Volunteer Hours –Paula’s Poet Laureate hours: 60 hours. Jot some notes down about what worked and what would work better in the future. Midori, Paula, and Karen will put together a meeting to debrief.

XI. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next Library Board Meeting will take place on June 2, 2022.

Please see https://www.auroragov.org/city_hall/boards___commissions/library_board for details regarding location.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.



PaulaVargas (Jul 20, 2022 17:53 MDT)

Chair



Karen Erdman

Administration

Library & Cultural Services







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