

SOMERVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING, December 14, 2022

Minutes

ATTENDING

TRUSTEES: Kate Van Sleet, Ami Feldman, Carla Lillvik, Lamia Mamoon, Janaki Perera, Mark Sternman

GUEST: Mike Smith

DIRECTOR: Cathy Piantigini

ABSENT: April Kuehnhoff, Peter Scheidler,

CALL TO ORDER

President Van Sleet called the meeting of the Library Board of Trustees to order at 6:04 pm.

MINUTES

Ami Feldman motioned to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2022, meeting; Lamia Mamoon seconded, and the minutes were approved.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. MBLC construction grant: Continuing to review new guidelines and to plan for submitting a grant application.
2. Professional development for staff: A full day of on-site professional development is scheduled for January 20. Exploring potential speakers on topics of wellness and self-care. The Foundation is providing lunch.
3. State aid: Somerville qualified for state aid and the check has arrived.
4. West Branch renovation: The [West Branch renovation](#) was awarded a prestigious [2022 American Architecture Award](#).
5. Public health vending machines: Chief of Staff Nikki Spenser asked if the libraries would be interested in participating in a pilot project proposed by Councilor Kristen Strezo to make public health vending machines from the vendor, [SOS](#), available. There is interest, but also a need to review privacy issues associated with the machines.
6. Social Media Policy: Trustees reviewed the draft policy. Comments and suggestions will be incorporated in a new draft for a vote at the next meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Somerville Public Library Foundation Update: The Board is complete. Foundation continues to work on the early literacy initiative and look for opportunities to fund.

2. Board of Trustees membership: We welcomed potential Trustee Mike Smith who is awaiting confirmation as the newest Board member. When he is confirmed, the Board of Trustees will have a full Board.
3. Google Drive: Trustees present confirmed they could access the shared Google Drive containing Trustee documents.
4. MBLC grant advocacy: Subcommittee for MBLC grant advocacy will be established in the new year.
5. By-Laws: Revised By-Laws provided by the Archives Committee will be reviewed at next meeting.

COMMITTEES

Archives Committee: Janaki Perera joined the committee. The committee presented the revised By-Laws for review and continues to work on organizing documentation and updating the Trustee page on the SPL website.

Advocacy: Looking back over earlier documentation to remind us about the new building plan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Vice President: As a member of the Nominating Committee, Mark Sternman presented Ami Feldman's nomination as Vice President. Carla Lillvik motioned to approve the nomination, and Mark seconded. Ami Feldman's nomination was approved unanimously by a show of hands.
2. A Nominating Committee will be needed for March election.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objection, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Trustees is scheduled to be held on January 11, 2023. The open meeting will take place in the Director's Office at the Central Branch Library.

Carla Lillvik, Trustee, in the secretary's absence