

Farmington Libraries since 1901

Library Board Minutes

April 18, 2024

Attendees: Dana Pescatello, Alan Sherman, Henry Gu, Gary Ontko, Lyman Louis, Rich Olivastro, Celia Bouza, Linda Chapron, Maureen Bittner, Norma Hartley, Trish Garcia, Jocelyn Kennedy, Kate Martorelli,
Board Members Not Present: Ida Franklin, Vanitha Patil, Keith Vibert

Quorum: A quorum was determined. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Public Comment: There were no members of the public present, and consequently, no public comments were made.

Approval of the Minutes: Rich moved, and Alan seconded, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Board Chair Report:

The semi-annual meeting of the FVGLA is scheduled for May 23 at the main library. All board members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting if their schedules permit.

The library board's nominating committee is currently comprised of Alan, Celia, and Dana. The committee is actively seeking to add one more member to its ranks.

Dana has announced that there will be no board meeting held in May.

Dana also informed the board that the Main library sidewalk improvements project vote was passed as the result of vote by email before the meeting. Dana also emphasized the importance of prompt responses to voting requests.

Executive Director Report:

Jocelyn announced a series of personnel changes. Steve Dunn has accepted the position of Facility Manager, replacing Greg Sieklicki. Paula Montes is set to retire on April 26th. Additionally, Mika Coderre has been hired part-time at the Barney.

The library is currently trialing a custodial service for the main library. The effectiveness of this service will be evaluated at the end of a three-month contract, at which point a decision will be made regarding a longer-term engagement.

Jocelyn provided an update on the exciting programs and events planned for the upcoming summer at the libraries. These include the Garmany Music Series concerts, a Prom Dress Donation event, and the Summer Reading Kickoff.

The library has received two requests to serve alcohol at artist receptions for an art exhibit on May 11th and June 20th in the Jay Johnston community room. Linda proposed a motion to approve the serving of alcohol at both receptions, which was seconded by Norma. The motion was unanimously approved by the board.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23. Maureen moved to adjourn, seconded by Celia.

Next Board Meeting: June 19 at 7:00pm.