

Croton Free Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2019

PRESENT

Trustees: Leslie Ellis (19), Marianne Merola (22), Sharyse Eisinger (20), Adora Lam (20), Barry Feinberg (23), Susan Ranis (19), Lynn Kauderer (23)

Croton Library Association: Karen Zevin, President

Library Director: Jesse Bourdon

ABSENT

Trustees: Sid Franks (22), Mary McFerran (21)

Call to order: Leslie called meeting to order at 7:32pm.

March 2019 minutes approved.

Updates

- Director's report on library material circulation statistics was reviewed.
- February is first month with reporting on both old and new Interlibrary Loan Systems.
- Roof has been repaired. There are no more drainage issues.
- Outdoor pole light replacement needs to be addressed as larger comprehensive issue by Building and Grounds committee in the future. Jesse is currently investigating pricing for different levels of correction/improvement.
- Sid and Jesse met and discussed next year's budget. It was suggested that the Publicity committee meet to discuss timing of Shelf Life.
- Jesse stated the transition to new Interlibrary Loan System (ILS) went well. Advanced planning and clear communication between management, staff, and patrons quickly addressed minor problems that arose. The Board of Trustees thanks Jesse and staff for the smooth and successful transition of systems.

Committee Reports

Art Committee

The artist originally scheduled for June dropped out suddenly. To timely fill the unexpected vacancy, Mary McFerran's work will now be shown instead.

Finance Committee:

Board voted on and approved budget for next year. Jesse will present library budget at Board of

Education budget meeting in May. Future capital projects will be discussed with Building and Grounds committee.

Croton Reads

The library intends to maintain communication with the Lorraine Hansberry Literary Trust and potentially create an annual event to honor Hansberry. Ideas for this annual event include creating a day for civic engagement. The board thanks Marianne and committee for a successful program this year.

Association Report

Preparations are underway for Spring Book Bake on May 18th- 19th. Karen emphasized concern of keeping the art exhibit safe from damage during the sale. She suggested art work not be positioned very low on the walls. Kate Fabian will be the new Association president at the end of the month. The annual Association meeting will be held on April 23rd at 7:00pm. The Board will forward to Karen any necessary verbiage regarding board topics to be presented at that meeting.

Old Business

Annual report: Group reviewed annual report. It was noted that there is now an affirmative response in the category of assistive technology for the blind and visually impaired, because the library has a handheld magnifier (donated by Kelly Thomann and the VA).

Blue Sky: It was decided that Blue Sky as a brain storming session would be most successful if held onsite at the library during an evening after library was closed, with key staff invited. Blue Sky meeting date will be changed to June 19th, time to be determined. (June 10th Board meeting time will be moved to 7:30pm, since Blue Sky date has been changed).

New Business

Due to extenuating circumstances, Marianne Merola was unable to put forth herself as a candidate for President as was anticipated. She proposed Leslie remain a Trustee, so that Leslie could stay on as President and the board would benefit from continuity in leadership with experience. Board voted to approve Leslie to continue as Trustee. Motion was carried.

Bylaws: Board voted to reaffirm 9 trustees, serving full terms of 5 years each.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Board moved to continue to executive session to discuss trustee topic and personnel issue. Motion was carried.

8:40 Meeting adjourned to executive session. Board discussed communication to trustee candidates regarding change in vacancy. A library personnel issue was also discussed.

9:18pm Meeting adjourned

Next Board meeting: May 13, 2019 at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted by Adora Lam