

Chelsea Public Library  
Board of Trustees  
February 28, 2023  
Minutes of Meeting – APPROVED 4/24/23

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. by Chairperson Beth Novak.
2. Roll Call: At Roll Call, the following attended: Chairperson Beth Novak, Vice Chairperson Monica Elias, Grace Lee, Alexandria Christmas, Lisa Makrinikolas and Kristina Byrnes. Ana Venegas-Rivera was absent (excused). Library Director Sarah G. Jackson was also in attendance.
3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: On a motion made by Kristina Byrnes and seconded by Alexandria Christmas, the minutes from January 24, 2023 which included Kristina Byrnes' motion to fund the Children's Department funding request, Alexandria Christmas seconded and all in favor, has been approved.
4. Communications: None.
5. Report of Library Director: The Director reported on the following:
  - a) Invoices are all paid and up to date (no trustee funds were spent in Jan) + Bartholomew Report
  - b) Building Update: Additional painting being done in Staff workroom, kids circ area, kids fict/nf rooms, fall of science and auditorium.
  - c) Budget: Nothing new - Budget presentations likely in March but no date set.
  - d) Children's Dept:
    - i. Some new furnishings in the area
    - ii. Baby Sign Language class (Trustee funded) is 4/1 and 4/8
  - e) Adult and Teen Programming: Nothing new to update - updated regularly on social media and on the city website.
    - i. Soap Making class 4/27/23
  - f) Policies: Ongoing
    - i. Decommissioning public art (working with legal/City Mgr. office, Director is on a NEFA "Making it Public for Municipalities" Cohort Group - looking for guidance
    - ii. Thinking about adding a programming & display policy to the Collection Development policy - will update at March meeting
  - g) Misc:
    - i. Could we deep dive into Banned Books/Censorship in March mtg? Possibly adding to policies that the trustees are responsible for.
      - i. Trustee resources on MBLC website provided
      - ii. Missing trustee agendas and minutes being updated on city website
      - iii. Teen intern selection in progress
6. New Business:

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Nothing new to report.

7. Ongoing Business: Banned Books: discussion to be prioritized in March (Director to email materials to trustee).
8. Date of Next Meeting: The next board meeting has been tentatively scheduled for: Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.
9. Adjournment: On a motion made by Alexandria Christmas and seconded by Monica Elias, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Lee

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