LIBRARY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, January 22, 2024

Present: Gale Batsimm, Sally Blanchard-O'Brien, Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, Emily Copeland, Mary Danko, Chol Dhoor, Patrick Halladay, Cate MacLachlan, Melissa Hutson, Grace Maley, Vivian Halladay, Jessica Nordhaus, Mona Tolba.

Approval of Minutes: From November 15, Emily moved, Patrick seconded. Approved.

Approve Agenda: Patrick moved, Chol seconded. Approved.

Public Forum: No public in attendance.

Amy opened the meeting reviewing the conversation about safety and wanting the City to understand the challenges the Library faces. Patrick drafted a letter that includes a request for social workers, as well as more cameras and funding to help staff with trainings. The Commission wants to send the letter to Mayor, copying to City Councilors.

Motion to send letter as edited to Mayor and City Council. Cate moved, Emily seconded. Approved. If sent to Lori Olberg it will go on the public list.

Updated Bulletin Board Policy— Patrick moved, Chol seconded, approved.

Friends Report: Report was sent in advance, no questions raised. Jonathan noted that the Friends are hiring a capital campaign manager. Book sales and all going well.

Director's Report: Report was sent in advance. Mary said the Library had several challenging behavior situations with patrons. Cate asked if reported to city. Mary said staff fill out an online reporting form and send it to BPD. Staff is looking forward to staff retreat on Thursday. We had a lovely visit with Senator Leahy and Marcelle last week; he provided CDS funding for Carnegie building restoration work.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn Mona moved, Patrick seconded. Approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at 7:45 am