

Thomas Crane Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Main Library

Trustees Present

Chair Ms. Corinne Mitchell, Vice-Chair Ms. May Mayyasi, Treasurer Mr. Arthur Foley, and Secretary Mr. Peter Tam

Trustees Absent

Ms. Liberty Schaaf

Staff Present

Director Ms. Sara Slymon

Call to Order

Chair Mitchell presided and convened the meeting at 8:38 AM.

Approval of the February 2024 Minutes

Ms. Mayyasi made motion to approve February 2024 Meeting Minutes, Ms. Mitchell seconded, and all approved.

Director's Report

Ms. Slymon reported that library staff will be redistributed to other areas of need rather than having them all staff in the Circulation Department.

Hui Lui was promoted to reference librarian and Sydney Anderson was hired as one.

The Richardson Building's main door will be open once again starting on May 30, 2024.

The library's strategic planning process has begun led by committee consisting of Sara Slymon, Taylor Devlin, Margaret Lagerstedt, Dorothy Cronin, Amanda Pegg-Wheat, Matt Foley and Tammy Van. A timeline of meetings and listening sessions was shared. The board will vote on the plan in June to make it effective as of July 1, 2024.

A new branding committee will be creating uniform and compliant logos, font, text, etc. for public and virtual use.

Ribbon cutting for the new Makerspace will be the week of May 20.

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Foley distributed 4 reimbursements in the period between February and March Trustee Meetings.

Friends of the Library

Ms. Mitchell reported there is no new news regarding the volunteer event.

TCPL Foundation Liaison's Report

Ms. Mitchell announced a search for an accountant to review Foundation funds.

Old Business

Mr. Tam made a motion to approve the new policy allowing all teens access to a library card, Mr. Foley

seconded, and all approved.

Ms. Mitchell gauged the interest of trustees to join a committee to evaluate the Library Director.

Ms. Mitchell announced to bring any changes/questions about by-laws to next Trustee Meeting

New Business

None.

Adjournment

With no further business, Ms. Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 9:06 AM. The trustees' next meeting is on April 11, 2024.

Public Comment:

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Anneli Johnson

Ramiondo DiBona

Kathleen Sullivan Moran

Norman Tuttle

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