

## **RANDALL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING**

Randall Library and Zoom

April 4, 2023

**Attendees:** Maureen Busch, Marcy Eckel, Maura Sieller, Barbie Wolfenden, Rachel Flaherty, Morgan Hillman

*Also in attendance:*

**Library Director:** Tina McAndrew

**Others:** Tim Reed, Kathleen Pavelchek, Linda Hathaway

1. **Call to Order:** 6:32 PM
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Board Member Comments:** None
4. **Director's Report (Tina)**
  - The intern finished listing the titles and authors of the nearly 600 books that had belonged to John Randall. One company has offered \$1,000 for the whole lot. Tina will get two appraisals before acting.
5. **Chair's Report (Maureen)**
  - Nothing to report. Linda Hathaway inquired into the whereabouts of a small statue of a reclining girl and bench that used to grace the grounds; it is believed that a former director bought the statue. Bench whereabouts are unknown.
  - Unrelated subject: Carole Bachman's gift of a few years ago of \$53K should be noted when naming/honoring people in the renovated library. [Note: Past Chair, Tim Reed, followed up with a note to the Trustees of her contribution to the library, on a par or greater than other major contributions.]
6. **Treasurer's Report (Maureen)**
  - The current market value of the holdings is \$642,237.22.
7. **Old Business**
  - a. Funding for Randall portrait is being explored by Tina; issue now in hibernation until the renovation is completed.
  - b. Trustee appointment recommendation for the Second Century Fund Board was discussed. Tim Reed plans to re-send earlier article to the paper with a mention of the open position.
  - c. This is the last week of WECO fund program. Results are not in.
  - d. Trustee website: no news yet but progressing.
  - e. Building Committee Report: Plans being refined; ADA compliance was on the last meeting's agenda; there will be a re-grading of the library grounds that may accommodate two ramps, two entries; the need for a cistern will increase the cost.
  - f. Kudos for the full engagement of the Committee.
  - g. Some members visited other buildings for construction ideas and materials: W. Somerville Branch; Woburn, Concord Museum..
8. **New Business**

- a. Revitalize Randall reps were not at the meeting; updating was postponed.
  - b. Town election: discussion was held to clarify categories for voters, i.e., there are three-year terms and a category in which the candidate will fill in vacated terms of less than a full term.
  - c. New Hours: Barbie moved, Maureen seconded to accept Tina's request to lower library hours to 40 in conformance with state guidelines re population requirements. A major factor for the request is the upcoming move where there will be less need for personnel. Trustees voted unanimously to approve the new hours schedule.
  - d. Mission Statement: after serious discussion, Tina will rewrite proposed statement and will resend. She asks for more input.
  - e. Named Spaces: Much discussion was held on the Policy of Naming of Spaces in the new library. Distinction was made between recognition of donors vs. naming of a space or even a small thing, like a book. Tina will rewrite the policy for future consideration but it was made clear that we need a Revitalize Randall representative at the next meeting to help us understand the status of the program. Most felt that existing honorary names should be continued in some way.
  - f. Items for next meeting: Nothing other than continuing issues to be resolved.
9. **Minutes of March 7, 2023:** Accepted with correction.
10. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbie Wolfenden, Secretary