

RANDALL LIBRARY TRUSTEES MEETING

Randall Library and Zoom

May 2, 2023

Attendees: Maureen Busch, Marcy Eckel, Maura Sieller, Barbie Wolfenden, Rachael Flaherty

Also in attendance:

Library Director: Tina McAndrew

Others: Carol Stolz, Kathleen Pavelchek, Lisa Lavina

1. **Call to Order 6:30 PM**
2. **Recognize and honor retiring trustee, Barbie Wolfenden –**
Done, with pastries and drinks all around
3. **Public Comments – none**
4. **Board Member Comments –**
Heartfelt thank you from Barbie Wolfenden for the sendoff party
5. **Library Director Report - Tina**
 - In addition to the report sent earlier, Tina commented on an upcoming program about dyslexic adults, for which she received a \$20K grant. She is working on bringing said technology and programs to the library.
 - She also will be bringing eggs to hatch baby chicks at the end of May.
6. **Chair Report – Maureen**
 - At the end of May, \$80K is due to the town, as pledged.
 - Folders will be prepared for new trustees; discussion as to what to include, and most agreed web addresses should replace paper when possible.
7. **Treasurer's Report – Morgan**

Trust fund balance is \$644,192.78 as of April 30.
8. **Old Business**
 - a) Update on WECO fundraiser. Marcie reported \$389.
 - b) Building Committee Report – Marcie, Morgan, Tina
 - The main news is that there is going to be an inevitable \$2M higher cost for renovation than budgeted by the town, however the group is looking for cost cutting, e.g., the cistern may not need to be as large as forecasted.
 - It was agreed that the architects are doing a great job.
 - Landscapers are looking for community feedback.
 - The group is looking for other grant possibilities to help defray the costs.
9. **New Business**
 - a) Revitalize Randall Update – Lisa Lavina
 - Lisa reported total raised from the Friends' efforts so far: \$48K, from 50 people, one of whom gave \$10K. She clarified that funds raised will be applied to reduce the town's pledge of \$8.8M; however, funds given for specific purposes, e.g., furniture, will not be applied to mitigating the town's pledge.

- Much discussion ensued as to various ideas, roles of various donors, recognition vs. naming, plaques, and other intricacies of the fund-raising process with valuable input from professional fund-raiser, Marcy.
 - Friends' Chair, Lisa Lavina, needs more people to help in the campaign; urged coordination in fund raising efforts so as to avoid confusing the public and that the trustees should not hold competing events.
- b) Vote on Named Spaces policy – Marcy moved, Rachel seconded the motion to accept the policy offered by Tina; vote was unanimous.
 - c) Possible Trustee-sponsored fund raisers - Maura offered several excellent ideas; discussion ensued re roles of Friends and Trustees in fund-raising; suggestion made for Trustees to suspend fund-raising unless events were dedicated to Revitalize Randall, with possible small percentage going to restore Randall trust. It was pointed out that the \$0.5M pledged to the town needs to be restored, however with town's increasing financial support, perhaps less than the full half-million will be needed.
 - d) Mission and Vision Statements – both were presented by Tina, and were voted to approve as amended, with Marcy making the move, with a second by Maureen. Vote carried unanimously.
 - e) Town Election – Rachel will become secretary, others will retain their offices, i.e., Maureen, Chair; Maura, Vice-Chair; Morgan, Treasurer.
 - f) Items for next meeting – Review of the norms
10. Accept Minutes of April 3, 2023, Moved, seconded and accepted unanimously
 11. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbie Wolfenden