

New Haven Free Public Library
Library Board of Directors
Minutes of Meeting
February 22, 2022

Members Present: Dr. Anderson, Mr. Giering, Ms. Lamar, Mr. Cruz, Ms. Logan, Dr. Garcia-Blocker, Ms. Rush-Kittle

Members absent: Ms. Merson, Ms. Schneider, Alder Morrison

Staff Present: Luis Chavez-Brumell

Staff Absent: John Jessen

Welcome

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.

Approval of Consent Agenda and Minutes

Dr. Anderson asked for edits to the minutes or a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the January 2022 Minutes.

Mr. Giering provided feedback to improve the minutes.

Dr. Garcia-Blocker moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes, Ms. Lamar seconded, and with no further questions or comments, the Board voted to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Lamar reviewed the January financials, summarizing both the Board and the Foundation accounts.

Copier rentals were higher in January. Ms. Lamar will discuss with Mr. Jessen why this was and present findings with the Board at the next meeting.

Dr. Anderson asked for a motion to approve the January 2022 financials, Ms. Lamar moved, Mr. Cruz seconded, and with no further questions or comments the Board voted to approve the January 2022 financials.

Mr. Chavez-Brumell presented two transfer requests from the NHFPL Foundation: \$10,515.67 from CTNext Quarter 1 reimbursement for Ives Squared programming and \$500,000 to Library's general endowment. Dr. Anderson asked for a motion to approve these requests, Ms. Lamar moved, Dr. Garcia-Blocker seconded, and the Board voted to accept the funds.

Director's Report

Mr. Chavez-Brumell delivered updates to the Board on what's been happening at the Library over the past month.

VITA

VITA has had a strong start at the Ives Main Library! Giving tax assistance to patrons, VITA is a great resource for the community. Volunteers have aided in 215 completed tax returns and \$579,675 in refunds thus far.

Stetson Library Update

Opening timeline

Mr. Chavez-Brumell stated that the new Stetson location located in the new Q-House building is almost ready to be opened, but there may be delays because of furniture, etc.

NHFPL Board Selection Committee

The NHFPL Board Selection Committee has reached out to several possible Board nominees. All were unable to join the Board.

Executive Session

Dr. Anderson asked for a motion to move into Executive Session. Dr. Garcia-Blocker moved, Ms. Lamar seconded, and the Board entered Executive Session at 6:05 pm. The Board left Executive Session at 6:25 pm.

Dr. Anderson asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cruz so moved, Ms. Lamar seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jessen
City Librarian