

Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 21st, 2022
5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting
Conducted via Zoom Meeting

Board Members: Janis O'Driscoll, Nora Brink (as of 5:10 PM), Keith Gudger, Martín Gómez, Cindy Jackson, Michele Mosher, Laura Albrecht, Robin Holland, Debby Peronto, Marc Winqvist, Lynn Marcus-Wyner, Jill Mitsch, Monica Parikh.

Staff: Bruce Cotter.

Guests: None Present.

1. **Call to Order** – President O'Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM.
2. **Roll Call & Establish a Quorum** Roll was completed, and quorum established for a Board of Director's Meeting as of 5:05 PM.
3. **Report of Secretary** – Nora Brink
 - a. **Motion** - Adopt the Agenda – M/S Winqvist/Marcus-Wyner to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was amended to include a vote on renewing the terms of six members for an additional 2-year period. Motion to adopt the agenda as amended passed unanimously.
 - b. **Motion** – Approval of the Minutes from the May 17th, 2022 Board Meeting. M/S Albrecht/Winqvist to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
 - c. **Motion** – Approval of the revised Minutes from the February 22, 2022 Board Meeting. M/S Marcus-Werner/Peronto to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Library Director's Report** – Eric Howard
Eric was not present.
5. **President's Report** – Janis O'Driscoll
Downtown Forward is morphing into Real Solutions 4 Santa Cruz. The Friends will donate \$10,000 to polling efforts after June 30th, 2022 to Real Solutions 4 Santa Cruz. In addition, Janis clarified how the Friends can support Real Solutions itself but also in defeating the ballot measure themselves.

The City Council will meet on June 28th to review and later certify the ballot measure now that it was declared valid and the Supervisors will vote on their support for the

Downtown Library/Affordable Housing Project. Everybody should reach out to their supervisors to let them know how they feel.

It is recommended that not only the Friends of the Library support the Downtown Library project but also the individual chapters.

A. *Election of Board members for 2022-24 Term*

M/S Gomez/Jackson to approve to reappointment the following six members: Keith Gudger, Sarah Clark, Robin Holland, Gail Levine, Lynn Marcus-Werner and Jill Mitch of the Board to serve on the Board from 2022-24 pending confirmation from Janis that all six wish to serve another 2 year term. A discussion was held about a Board Member having missed meetings regularly and being re-elected. Janis will follow up with the Board Member in question. Motion carried. Janis also noted that Pete Cullen resigned from the Board.

B. *Presentation of Slate of Officers recommended by Executive Committee*

The following positions are being proposed for a 1-year term:

President – Janis O'Driscoll

Vice President – Cindy Jackson

Treasurer – Keith Gudger

Secretary – Lynn Marcus-Werner

C. *Nominations from the Board*

None were received.

D. *Election of Officers for 2022-23*

M/S Brink/Winquist move to approve the proposed slate of officers. Motion carried unanimously.

M/S Brink/Peronto to approve removal of Nora Brink as signer from the SCCB and Bay Federal bank accounts and add Lynn Marcus-Werner and Cindy Jackson as signers to the accounts. Motion carried unanimously.

Nora reminded all presents that the SoS forms need to be updated to reflect the new Executive Board.

6. Executive Director's Report - Bruce Cotter

A. *Downtown Library and Affordable Housing Project*

Bruce reported that the ballot measure has qualified for the November ballot but opposition to the ballot initiative continues to grow, and more and more support is gathered throughout the community and with various organizations.

B. Financial Matters

Bruce brought forward YE financials for 2021 and the financials for the beginning of 2022. Suggestions from the CPA were deemed inappropriate but correcting entries were made. A request from the library to fund a coffee meeting was received, which the Friends will gladly do.

C. Garfield Park Donor Night and Opening

Bruce reported that the donor night and opening went well. A big thank you was extended to all volunteers who helped making it a success.

D. Various

Various other updates were brought forward including a changed opening date for Scotts Valley and the groundbreaking ceremony that took place on June 15th.

7. Chapter Reports

Written Reports were provided to the Board for their information. No oral reports were provided.

8. Committee Reports

a. Finance/Treasurer's Report – Keith Gudger

Keith provided his report from the finance committee including May financials.

b. Advocacy Committee Report – Laura Albrecht

A written report was provided, and they continue to encourage to everybody to talk to their circles to advocate for the Downtown project.

c. Policy and Procedures – Michele Mosher

They will be presenting the new board orientation procedure and package next month. They are working on a slide format for the presentation.

d. Development Committee – Cindy Jackson

Cindy is needing to call for an official Development meeting for July.

e. DEI Ad Hoc Committee Notes – Jill Mitch

A discussion was held to prepare a survey for the Board to assess needed skill set for potential Board members. Survey ready for review in July and outcome in August. M/S Mitch/Gomez to approve moving forward with a survey to assess the skills the Board has and needs. Motion carries unanimously.

d. Agenda Building for Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 (5:00 PM)

- a. Board Survey
- b. Fundraising update
- c. New Board Orientation for review

9. Closed Session

There was no closed session as there were no items needing to be discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM

Minutes were taken by Nora Brink.

Approved: Lynn Marcus-Wyne

Date: 07/19/2022

Title: Secretary

APPROVED