

Minutes for Reading Legacies Board of Trustees Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2020

Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm

Location: Zoom Meeting – Invitation from Claire Gerbasi at Reading Legacies

Meeting Convened: 12:05

In attendance:

Staff: Betty Mohlenbrock, Claire Gerbasi, Molly Corbin

Trustees: Shaun Wiley, Richard Radosh, Julie Beaty, Liz Valenzuela-Banker, Michael Dobbs, Mike Malone, Eric Manese, Mike Haynes

Guests: Derek Cox

Trustees Absent: Ashley Rawlins, Rhonda Hernandez, Lee Winslett, Lillian Loeffler

Items Requiring Vote:

Ratification of 2019 Tax Return

Motion to approve: Richard Radosh

Second: Julie Beaty

Unanimously Approved

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (1.22.20)

Motion to approve: Shaun Wiley

Second: Eric Manese

Unanimously Approved

Approval of Financials

- Financial Statement 3.31.2020
- BS – Comparison, P&L Monthly 3.31.2020, Cash Balance 4.17.2020

Motion to Approve: Shaun

Second: Liz

Unanimously Approved

Announcements/Introductions:

Introductions: Guest Derek Cox, New Board Member Liz Valenzeula Banker

Derek explained his reason for getting involved as a volunteer on Reading Legacies behalf in the juvenile detention facilities. He's observed that most detainees battle with motivation in that environment and he wants to bolster their sense of value. He feels fortunate to not to have dealt with many of the obstacles many juvenile detainees have experienced and feels introducing them to Reading Legacies is going to be "tremendous" for them, especially because

most all of them have younger siblings and none of them want their siblings to end up where they currently are.

Liz introduced herself and shared why she was eager to volunteer with Reading Legacies

President's Update

Betty expressed her appreciation to Derek and Liz and the entire board, then updated the board regarding Lynda Walker and family.

She next reviewed a timeline of events that have occurred since the last board meeting and in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She mentioned receipt of PPP funds (\$43,687) and the receipt of a grant from the Dr. Seuss Foundation at the San Diego Foundation (\$15,000).

Finance Committee Report: Mike Malone and Richard Radosh

Mike provided an update on the financial health of the organization stating that the receipt of the \$43,687 PPP was very helpful and that the committee will work hard to ensure that the loan will be forgiven.

Program Report: Claire Gerbasi and Betty Mohlenbrock

Claire described our Reading Legacies Storytime program which is a virtual adaptation of our programming occurring three times a week on our social media channels in efforts to continue to fulfill our mission even while we are not able to work inside our partner facilities. Claire described our partnership with the National Charity League, explained that we have seen an increase in our viewership, and informed the board that we have received over 100 videos to date.

Betty described that Derek Cox will be a big asset to our program serving juvenile detainees from the outside in, and that Mike Haynes and Adrian Peterson will be part of the effort as ambassadors and motivators to our beneficiaries inside the jails and prisons.

Liz wanted to know where she can get information regarding how to talk about our programs in the community. We will provide her with tools in the near future.

Development/Marketing Report: Molly Corbin and Betty Mohlenbrock

Molly reviewed the development snapshot provided to the board highlighting the most recently funded proposals, pending proposals and inviting the board to share any additional ideas or contacts that could advocate for our proposals. She also made mention of an email that she will be drafting for each board member to share with 10 friends that will include a link to a read aloud and an opportunity to donate as part of our Spring Campaign.

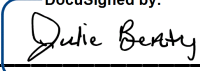
Richard suggested there be lots of visuals and few words. Liz suggested we make it as easy as possible for people to donate on the spot. Julie suggested we include Changed Giving as part of the menu of ways to give.

There will be a USPS version of the ask sent to Betty's contacts, as well.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:05pm

Next Meeting Dates in 2020: July 22nd; and October 28th

Respectfully submitted,

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