

MINUTES  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES  
PEORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
November 10, 2020

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Community Relations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Peoria Public Library was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Barbara Van Auken on Zoom.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Committee Members Present: Margaret Cousin, Barbara Van Auken, Arun Pinto, Cathy Curtis, Tom Menger, and Lucy Gulley

Committee Members Absent: Tiffanie Duncan

Staff Present: Randall Yelverton, Roberta Koscielski, Jennifer Davis, Jenny Sevier, and Karla Wilkinson

**III. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Approval of October 6, 2020 Minutes

Arun Pinto made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting. Margaret Cousin seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. North Branch Back Patio Area Update

Jenni Davis reported that the Peoria Garden Club is willing to provide plants for planters on the patio, just like they have been doing for planters at the entrance to North Branch. The library will purchase planters to match the ones at the entrance.

C. New Library Website Update

Jenni Davis reported that she has begun working with the company on the new library website.

D. Report of the Fundraising Subcommittee

Jenni Davis shared fundraising ideas that the subcommittee of herself, Arun Pinto, Jeanne Williamson, Margaret Cousin, and Randall Yelverton discussed. Margaret Cousin made a motion to present the ideas to the Library Board. Arun Pinto seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**IV. COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP UPDATES**

A. Early Voting at Main Library and Election Day at North Branch

Randall Yelverton reported that we do not have final numbers of how many people voted at Main Library for early voting, but everything went well. The regular polling place at North Branch also ran smoothly.

B. Peoria Public Library Partnership with Fifth House Ensemble and Illinois Arts Council Agency

Roberta Koscielski reported that the library received an opportunity through an Illinois Humanities contact to participate in 10 online programs in collaboration with Fifth House Ensemble. The Illinois Arts Council Agency is assisting with funding the programs.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Barbara Van Auken adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

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Barbara Van Auken, Chair  
Community Relations Committee  
Board of Library Trustees  
Peoria Public Library