

Randall Library Trustees
Meeting Minutes

Date: Jan 14, 2017
At Randall Library



Present:

Marianne Sharin, Chair
Barbie Wolfenden, Vice Chair
Maureen Busch
Bob Katz
Rick Lent, Secretary
Kathy O'Brien
Tim Reed, Treasurer
Melissa Fournier
Jim Salvie for first hour
Ingebord Clarke for first hour

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 10:20

- Marianne reviewed key points from last year's survey and the various tactical improvements requested.
- We shared our various ideas on why we do/could value libraries: Ideas generated:
 - Community center:
 - Neutral/inclusive gathering place
 - Cultural center
 - Community center (hub, gathering place, heart)
 - Celebrating diversity of patrons who are welcomed
 - Library is democratic institution
 - Income equality
 - People are social animals—where else in a community can people of all stripes find commonality
 - Center for dialog
 - Meeting place for collaboration, discourse and reflection
 - Social "smart" interactions
 - Access to physical resources
 - Library gives access to photocopier and computers and bathrooms
 - Local programming
 - Art/history/literature exposure in group setting (movies,

- lecture)
 - Opportunities to attend programs at night not have a chance to attend
- Work Space
 - Library is a workspace for individuals
 - Access to new info/opportunity
- Free from Distraction
 - Library is a special place of serenity open to all
 - Library is a sanctuary (non-sectarian)
 - Quiet, reflective space
 - Peaceful place to be. Quiet but welcoming
- Quiet/safe place
 - Access to privacy
 - Offers anonymity
 - Coffee shop
- Resource Center (physical, virtual, experiential)
 - physical examples: books, CDs, DVDs
 - virtual: e-books, internet, data bases
 - experiential
 - place for information
 - media center
 - diverse resources, jump off point for more focused learning
 - resources for elders and those retiring in place
 - curated collection
- Resource dynamics
 - Tutoring
 - Group interactive learning
 - Browsing
 - Outreach
 - Professional assistance (how to learn, information docent)
- Programs
 - Extra curricula activities
 - Reading programs
 - A "how to center"...learning center for valid information gathering
 - Information docent
 - Professional assistance with learning and research
 - Libraries save, preserve, and offer access at local

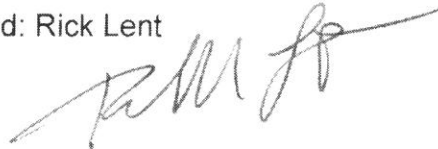
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- We do this by...
- We do this for...

Next board meeting: Feb 8

Meeting adjourned at 2PM

Minutes respectfully submitted: Rick Lent

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