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Minutes for the February 15, 2023 Meeting

Present: William Hanna, Ted Gay, Kevin Downing, Audrey Reese
Staff: Linda Coelho, Director; Ligia Madeira, Chief of Staff

Mr. Downing called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

The January 2023 minutes were presented. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The January 2023 financial report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Dr. Hanna seconded the motion and the Board approved.

The December 2022 circulation report was reviewed. Mr. Gay made a motion to accept. Mr. Downing seconded the motion and the Board approved.

New Business:

- We have a vacancy in the reference department with the Young Adult Librarian resigning. We will be able to cover the vacant shifts with existing staff temporarily and plan on making changes and updating the job description to this position and filling it by the end of the fiscal year.
- February 11th we hosted the Rhode Island Black Storytellers. The program was successful and informative. We plan to have them back again. We will also be hosting a Covid Booster Vaccine Clinic on March 7 and 9 with the Mass Department of Public Health and the Vaccination Equity Initiative.
- We are working with the Mayor's office and the Police department to discuss how to better handle protesters at the library for future events. We've had meetings to brainstorm possible solutions to ensure the safety of everyone.

Old Business:

- The second round of the carpet project that includes the director's office, the literacy office and the two meeting rooms in the reference department came to a quote of \$9,991 from Metro Floor Covering Inc. Dr. Hanna made a motion to accept the quote and hire Metro Floor Covering Inc. to complete the work quoted. Mr. Gay seconded the motion and the Board approved.

Friends' Report: The book sales continue to go well which will allow the Friends' to continue to fund many library programs.

Correspondence: none

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.
The next scheduled meeting will be held **Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

Respectfully submitted by Linda Coelho