MINUTES

Meeting: Kirkland Library Board

Date: Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Rose Hill Room, City Hall

Zoom Conference Room 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Heather Gertmenian called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Heather Gertmenian, Rachel Broenkow, Eleanor Peterson, Lee

Cressman, Malia Karlinsky, Harrison Warrick

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: DEIB Manager Erika Mascorro

Guests: KCLS Regional Manager Denise Bugallo, Brenna Shanks

Chair Gertmenian moved item 4.a. before item 3. on the agenda.

4. INTRODUCTIONS

a. New Boardmembers Malia Karlinsky and Harrison Warrick

Boardmember Karlinsky and Youth Boardmember Warrick introduced themselves, their backgrounds, and what they're reading to the Board. Established Boardmembers introduced themselves to the new members.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. March 12, 2025

Chair Gertmenian highlighted a scrivener's error on the March 12, 2025, minutes under Adjournment. Boardmember Peterson moved and Vice Chair Broenkow seconded to approve the March 12, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of the adjournment time. The motion passed 6-0.

5. BUSINESS

a. Regional Library Manager Report - Denise Bugallo

KCLS Regional Manager Denise Bugallo presented the Regional Library Manager Report to the Board, highlighting National Library Week, articles, upcoming author visits, in-person and online events, and free online resources.

b. One City/One Book Program Discussion – Andy & Naomi

The Board briefly discussed the program, but due to Andy and Naomi's absence, decided continue discussion in the future when they attend. Boardmembers were requested to provide feedback on their book choices by the end of the meeting.

c. KCLS Intellectual Freedom Training – Brenna Shanks

Brenna Shanks from KCLS facilitated a training on Public Libraries and Intellectual Freedom.

Short Break – The Board did not take a break.

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2025-2026 Goals and Strategies Updates

Chair Gertmenian presented edits to the 2025-2026 Goals and Strategies. The Board discussed changes and additions to the Goals and Strategies around advocacy. Staff will have legal counsel review the updated language prior to Board approval.

b. Items from the Audience Placement on Agenda

Boardmembers discussed moving Items from the Audience to earlier on the agenda. Boardmember Peterson moved and Vice Chair Broenkow seconded to postpone item 6.b. to the next meeting. The motion passes 6-0.

7. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE

8. GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Community Appreciation Night (May 13th, 2025)

Chair Gertmenian invited Boardmembers to attend Community Appreciation Night in May.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Broenkow moved and Boardmember Karlinsky Seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.