Executive Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 1, 2021  
Via Zoom  
5:00 p.m.

Present: Trustees Becker Berlind, Fulton (briefly), Nelson, and Wisneski; Library Director Burkey

1. **Call to Order**: Chair Wisneski called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **Public Comment**: There were no comments from members of the public.
3. **Minutes**: It was moved (Trustee Becker) and seconded (Trustee Wisneski) to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2021 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Covid 19 Response**: Library Director Burkey reported that the city-wide indoor mask mandate had been lifted the day before, but that the library still asks all over the age of 2 to wear masks in the building as there is still high community transmission.
5. **Facilities Assessment Planning**: A Facilities Committee consisting of Trustees Atherton, Nelson, and Wisneski is meeting informally. Trustee Nelson commented that it may be time to add community members to the committee to keep up momentum for planning a new building.
6. **Board EDI Training**: This training has been completed by the Board.
7. **Staff Climate Survey**: The survey, developed by Trustees Hadley, Atherton, and Berlind, has been summarized by Trustee Hadley and will be presented to the Board at the February 15 meeting. Trustee Williams has provided help to the committee about next steps.
8. **Board Terms**: The terms of some Board members have to be renewed by the Mayor. There is a new mayoral appointee, Dr. Faraneh Carnegie-Hargreaves, a Wesleyan graduate, now a chiropractor and acupuncturist, who with her husband is developing the former roller skating rink in the North End into a residential/commercial/community center.
9. **Approval of Board Letter Regarding Finances**: After a discussion of how Russell Library deserves much more financing than is being requested in the letter, it was moved (Trustee Becker) and seconded (Trustee Berlind) that the Executive Committee approve the letter as written and forward it to all Board members to be electronically signed. The motion passed unanimously.
10. **Executive Session**: It was moved (Trustee Becker) and seconded (Trustee Nelson) to enter Executive Session at 5:55 p.m. The motion passed unanimously. It was moved (Trustee Nelson) and seconded (Trustee Becker) to exit Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.
11. **Adjournment**: It was moved (Trustee Becker) and seconded (Trustee Nelson) to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy Berlind, Secretary

The next Executive Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 1, 2022.