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LIBRARY BOARD
FEBRUARY 21, 2023
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VIRTUAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Marie Schow
Member Elizabeth Alarid
Member Brecken Larson
Member Rebecca Phillips
Library Director Margaret Neill
Member Adele Oliveira

Members Excused:

Member Sarah Jacobs
Member Flavian Mark Lupinetti
Member Janet Gilchrist

Others Attending:

Maura Gentry, Clerk

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: moved, seconded by , to approve the as presented.

Rebecca
Elizabeth

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Schow, Member Alarid, Member Larson, Member Phillips, Library Director Neill, Member Oliveira

Against: None

Abstain: None

Motion to add board positions to the agenda was approved.



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- taking over interlibrary loan.
- We have not heard anything about the Big Read yet.
 - We have a new librarian in technical services, Sandy Farrell. She was the director of the Hobbs library and retired here.
 - Facilities – the funding for the community room HVAC has been pulled to another project. It will be fixed rather than replaced. We have talked to the Friends about getting a portable A/C unit, otherwise we won't be able to do much programming here over the summer.
 - They are going to start the project of replacing both elevators.
 - La Farge has had numerous fires set around the exterior of the building, most of them appear to be warming fires. Staff had a scare when a man accidentally set himself on fire, and parks helped put the fire out – then he was brought into the library to wait for the paramedics. There is not much that we can do right now to remedy these occurrences.
 - Member Phillips – Is this a system issue?
 - Director Neill – I have seen there are some others occurring around the city, but I don't know about the connection. Mostly we see them at La Farge; Southside has some people sleeping on the patios, but LF has more of the vandalism. We are trying to keep the area around the facility clean in order to make it less attractive, but parks currently does not have the staffing. Maura has been working with a boy scout troop to work on landscaping. Facilities is putting up a security fence in the back. Not sure who the project was initiated by.
 - Member Schow – Public schools own the land, correct?
 - Director Neill – Yes, and the city owns the building. Facilities is in charge of the project, so it's a city thing, not exactly sure. It's utilitarian.
 - Member Phillips – I'm troubled that there's something happening at LF that is falling on the library's shoulders but is not your responsibility – should we ask Kyra to come and talk to us?
 - Director Neill – It is a legitimate question, we have had a large amount of incidents. They're aware that there are issues, but they are trying to put their resources where they are most needed.
 - Member Phillips – Ultimately there is a risk of personnel issues, though. Is there an escalation of concern...?



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Member Schow will remain President.

Member Phillips – I am interested to stay on, but as Marie and I have similar schedules, I would like for someone else to have the opportunity to be vice president.

Member Schohw – Entertaining nominations for Vice President.

Member Larson – I nominate Elizabeth Alarid.

Member Alarid – I accept.

Vote – all in favor – unanimous approval

Member Schow – Thank you Becca for your years of service as VP.

Reappointments will be presented to the General Body March 8th.

MOTION: moved, seconded by , to approve Elizabeth Alarid as Vice President.

VOTE: The motion was approved on the following Roll Call vote:

For: Member Schow, Member Alarid, Member Larson, Member Phillips, Library Director Neill, Member Oliveira

Against: None

Abstain: None

- b. Friends of the Santa Fe Library Update – Zella Cox
- c. Introduction of new members: Janet Gilchrist and Adele Oliveira
Marie Schow, President
marie.schow@gmail.com
- d. Set meeting schedule for 2023.



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10. **NEXT MEETING: No Meeting Scheduled**

March 14th – our usual date is spring break and a number of us will be out of town.

11. **ADJOURN**

Maura Gentry
Liaison

Maria
Chair