

**Rutherford Public Library Board of Trustees
Minutes for January 29, 2014 Meeting**

Open Meeting

1. Roll Call

Trustees Present	Ms. Wendy Armacost Ms. Rose Inguanti Ms. Julie Kajouras Mr. James Rizzo Ms. Monica Rodriguez Ms. Krista Vellis Ms. Pat Wester
Absent	Ms. Brenda Fargo
Staff Present	Mr. Judah Hamer, Director
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Ms. Inguanti

2. Provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act

Ms. Armacost read the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. Hearing of Citizens

Ms. Inguanti opened the hearing of the citizens. As no citizens were present to speak, the hearing was closed.

4. Fundraising & the Rutherford Public Library Foundation

A report on the status of the Library Gala planning was given. The Trustees who serve as liaisons to the Foundation identified problems with the planning and implementation of this event by Foundation leadership. The issues identified and discussed by the Board are:

- Foundation Board members have not been given a voice in event planning and implementation by the Gala co-chairs. Input has been dismissed or disregarded.
- The Gala co-chairs have not submitted a budget for the event to the Foundation Board.

Discussion included comments regarding both the high level of frustration among Foundation Board members and there being a risk of alienating donors as a result of the decisions being made by Gala co-chairs.

Discussion made it apparent that within the Foundation there is a need for clarification of the function of the Gala committee along with the level of authority granted to that committee by the Executive Committee of the Foundation, to ensure the Foundation operates in compliance with its own by-laws. It was agreed that after the implementation of the Gala the

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