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**Meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.  
Dudley Branch Library  
65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02119**

## MINUTES

A meeting of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2017 at the Dudley Branch Library, 65 Warren Street, Roxbury, MA 02119 at 1:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee Chair and Trustee Evelyn Arana-Ortiz, Committee Members: Sarah-Ann Shaw and Che Madyun, Friends of the Dudley Branch Library. Also attending were Candelaria Silva-Collins, Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Project Manager, Pete Coco, Assistant Neighborhood Services Manager, Priscilla Foley, Director of Neighborhood Services, and Pamela Carver, Clerk of the Board. Allen Knight, Dudley Branch Librarian was not present due to a death in his family.

Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee (“Committee”) Chair Evelyn Arana-Ortiz presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. She thanked everyone for coming and addressed the first item of business: Approval of the Meeting Minutes. After review, and some discussion of having more details that reflect outcomes of each of the programs, a motion was duly made and seconded, the Minutes of the Trustees Fellowes Athenaeum Trust Advisory Committee meeting held on June 9, 2017 were approved.

Ms. Arana-Ortiz discussed the Committee Financial Report, and pointed to the FY17 carry-over, distribution, and remaining balance columns of the report. Project Manager Ms. Candelaria Silva-Collins confirmed that Committee spending is within budget and presented the expenditures to the Committee members. After \$2,092 is spent on refreshments and advertising, \$40,000 in personnel costs, the proposed \$49,269 was well within the budget to be distributed as grants in FY18. Priscilla Foley added that due to the branch closure, the \$5,000 grant typically made to the Dudley Branch may still be granted the funding, however will need very clear instructions as to where and to whom it is being given to).

Ms. Silva-Collins presented the grants so the Committee could discuss same. Ms. Silva-Collins distributed a chart listing the 9 proposals. Ms. Silva-Collins reported on, and the Committee discussed, each grant proposal. Each of the programs were approved.

1. Akiba Abaka/ArtsEmerson: Play Reading Book Club, a theater literacy initiative led by teaching artists from Arts/Emerson 2017/2018 held at Hibernian Hall (adults) and Tobin Community Center (teens).
2. Corey Evans/Boch Center: Youth Arts for Social Change Conference and Job Fair, a youth targeted event held at Hibernian Hall Ballroom

3. Lana Jackson/Push Cart Art: Crazy Quilt-making for Winter Blues, a quilt making class for those 55 and older held at the Central Boston Elder Services Community Room
4. Bonita Jones: Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction, a course in stress reduction techniques for greater health awareness and improved well-being for adults being held at the UUM (First Church) Parish Hall.
5. John Kordalewski: The Makanda Project – Jazz Music Programming. The Committee voted to approve funding for this popular live music program that features two performances by Makanda Project held in the Bruce Bolling Building.
6. Joel Mackall and Reidren Business Group: Tracing Our Roots workshop. The Committee noted that the instructor has been very successful in previous years and this will be held at the Grove Hall Branch Library.
7. Joel Mackall and Reidren Business Group: Smart Phone Training. A four-session series in which students use their own smart phones, primarily geared to seniors and will also be held in the Grove Hall Branch Library.
8. Mary Lou Bozza/Haley House: Take Back the Kitchen Cooking Classes, a program for seniors and families offering easy culinary recipes and will be held in the Haley House Teaching Kitchen in Dudley.
9. Carlos Vargas: Piano Instruction classes: offers basic piano playing and music theory instruction. A strong desire among patrons exists for this program. The Boston Conservatory will be the host site for this and the committee members discussed that although it is the farthest away from the Dudley Branch, it was accessible from public transit and offered street parking. The members felt it was a wonderful experience for students to visit such a prestigious organization.
10. Naomi Lomba-Gomes: Memoir/Personal essay writing, a writing program geared toward adults and seniors. This will be held at the Grove Hall Branch Library.

Ms. Silva-Collins explained she will put a stronger focus on utilizing social media to keep the Dudley community informed of the programming and encouraging participants to do the same.

The Committee agreed to meet on March 20<sup>th</sup> and May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. with the location pending. The Clerk will confirm availability of the Grove Hall Branch library which was noted as the desired location.

With no further business or public comment, upon motion duly made and seconded, the Committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pamela R. Carver