



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
March 23, 2011  
(NO QUORUM)

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011. President Tom Reedy Presided. Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Present: Trustees Bob Herdler, Pete Ruger; City Council Liaison Debi Salberg; law student Lin Pang. Absent: Trustees Christine Krueger, Bill Kuc, Bently Green, Stacy Deleste, Liz Walsh, Nancy Marshall.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the February 16, 2011 Meeting

No quorum present to approve minutes.

Correspondence

Mr. Cooper read a letter from Margret Sowash, president of Webster Park Association. In it, Ms. Sowash expressed the Park Association Board's wish that the Library Board 'expedite the sale of #5 Mason and restore it as a private residence.' While she acknowledged that a sale at the prices currently being offered would mean a large loss, maintaining the house is an ongoing expense, and it makes sense to realize whatever revenue it might generate, 'allowing both the Library and the community to benefit from its sale'

President's Report

Mr. Reedy recapped recent activity concerning sale of the Mason house. He reminded trustees to pay their Friends of the Library dues. He noted that he would appoint Mr. Ruger as head of the Policy Committee, and Mr. Green as head of the Building and Grounds Committee. He also noted that after recent discussions with our insurance broker, he finds it unnecessary to pursue separate flood insurance for our temporary building.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper said there would be a street project along Brentwood Blvd. running from April through June. He passed out a revised January financial report, in which a mistake had been corrected. He also mentioned that he and Business Manager Elise Fortman had begun work on the Fiscal Year 2011-2011 Budget, and would be asking to convene the Finance Committee soon to review it.

### Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

### Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

### Building and Grounds

There was no report from this committee.

### Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for February, 2011. But there was no quorum present to approve.

Mr. Herdler also spoke about his wish that future financial reports begin noting our fund balance, so we could start focusing on building an adequate reserve for tax anticipation. This is with a long-range view to passing a financially healthy library on to the next Board.

He also hopes that with sound financial management at this time, we can realize the savings from our building project that will enable us to retire the bonds early.

### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

### Old Business

There was no quorum to pass draft policies.

### New Business

There was no quorum present to pass the suggested budget revisions.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m.