



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
September 21, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011. President Tom Reedy presided, and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Present: Trustees Bently Green, Kill Kuc, Bob Herdler, Peter Ruger, Christine Krueger, Nancy Marshall, Stacy Deleste; City Council Liaison Debi Salberg, and law student Ryan Heggs. Absent: Trustee Liz Walsh.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the August 17, 2011 Meeting

Ms. Deleste moved to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

There was no President's report.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper asked trustees to consider whether Monday, December 26th as a holiday. Mr. Herdler so moved, Mr. Green seconded, and the motion passed.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Krueger mentioned that until we have a better idea of the date of completion of the building, planning for opening ceremonies could not proceed. She also spoke of some initial steps being taken to provide for memorial tributes in the new building.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Green told trustees that late this afternoon (Sep. 21, 2011) the Library received a letter from Kurt Frederick of Frederick Construction, Inc. (FCI) terminating his contract with us. He introduced Bruce Wood of KAI Design & Build, our construction

management firm, who gave a detailed description of the various disputes with FCI that had led to this result. He emphasized that the Library, as owner on the project, has done everything they are supposed to do, and Kurt Frederich is not correct in claiming, as he does in the letter, that the owner has 'failed to fulfill its obligations with respect to matters important to the progress of the work.'

Mr. Cooper was asked to set up a meeting with an attorney as soon as possible to counsel the Library in this matter.

Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for August, 2011. Mr. Ruger moved to approve the report as presented, Ms. Krueger seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Ms. Deleste stated that the library has recently hired three new part-time employees, two desk workers and one shelver.

Policy

Mr. Ruger will review the draft policy on Petitioning and Distribution of Literature at the library, and present it to the Board at the next meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 19 at 7 p.m.