



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
October 17, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2012. President Tom Reedy presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Peter Ruger, Nancy Marshall, Joan Esserman, and Stacy Deleste, City Council Liaison Debi Salberg, and law student Rachita Bhatt. Absent: Trustees Bob Herdler, Bill Kuc, Bently Green, and Jackie Brenne.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the September 19, 2012 Meeting

Ms. Marshall moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Deleste 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 talked about further discussions with the library's neighbors concerning new fences. One neighbor has asked if the library can add some landscape elements on her side of the fence, where her yard was changed somewhat during construction. Some trustees believe that by doing so we may be crossing the line into spending taxpayer money to make improvements to one individual's property. Mr. Cooper will gather more information for further consideration: what exactly was changed, or removed from the neighbor's yard during construction; and what it would cost to build the sort of retaining wall she is asking for.

Advanced Planning

Since we finally have reasonably firm dates for substantial completion and move back to the new library, the committee needs to meet again to discuss dates for opening events.

### Automation/Systems

All of the new computer equipment for the new library has been delivered. Most of it will be installed by library staff members.

### Building and Grounds

Demien Construction has named November 9 as the date for substantial completion. That means that the Library can begin its move back by November 19. The Library would be closed from November 19 to November 30 to complete the move, and anticipate opening the new location on December 1.

There are still some disputed claims about added days of general conditions from the general contractor, and these are being looked at by KAI to determine the best compromise solution.

For the most part, work is progressing very well; the parking lot was paved this week, the carpeting has arrived, the slate tile is installed, etc.

### Finance

Mr. Reedy reviewed the financial report and disbursements for September, 2012. Ms. Deleste moved to approve the report, Ms. Marshall seconded, and it was approved.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

The library has been offered a donated painting from the estate of Alvin Metelman. Trustees took a look at 6 paintings currently at the library. Opinion was divided about which one would be best. We hope to get an opinion from people on the Webster Groves Arts Commission.

The annual report is not yet ready.

### Human Resource

Mr. Ruger moved to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Deleste seconded. The votes were:

Esserman: Aye, Marshall: Aye, Reedy: Aye

The meeting was closed.

Mr. Ruger moved to reopen the meeting. Ms. Marshall seconded, and the meeting reopened.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.