



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
August 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. President Nancy Marshall presided, and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: trustees Bill Kuc, Bethany Curtis, Bob Herdler, Joan Esserman, Jackie Brenne, and (via teleconference) Peter Ruger, and City Council Liaison Debi Salberg. Absent: Trustees Tom Reedy and Bently Green.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the July 17, 2013 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall reported that she had received an e-mail from Bently Green resigning from the board. He has missed meetings lately due to out of town work commitments, and doesn't see them letting up any time soon.

Ms. Marshall gave a brief rundown of current committee assignments, and solicited volunteers for other committees.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that a few of his employees have asked him about whether the benefit of free membership at the Webster Groves Recreation Center might ever resume. It was taken away in 2006 or 2007. He pointed out that Webster Groves Public Library still makes free library cards available to City employees who do not otherwise qualify for them.

The library was just notified that it has gotten a grant of nearly \$7,000 from the State Library to purchase new public access computers. Fourteen computers will be replaced within the next few months.

A reporter and photographer from St. Louis Family Magazine visited the Children's Room this week. They are doing a story on the new Children's Room, expected to appear in the September issue.

### Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

### Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

### Building and Grounds

Mr. Cooper reported that this week Andy from PBA has called to confirm a final checklist of items that need to be taken care of before making a final payment to Demien Construction. These include taking care of a few lighting issues, the wiring in the north entry doors to enable our security system, repaving part of the back parking lot, and removing the bad wall covering from the Meeting Room wall and replacing it with a special paint.

### Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for July, 2013. Ms. Brenne moved to accept it as reported, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the report was approved.

### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

### Old Business

Pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021, p. 1 and p. 3, Mr. Herdler moved that the board go into closed session to discuss a legal matter and a personnel matter. Mr. Kuc seconded and the meeting was closed. The votes were:

Marshall—AYE      Kuc—AYE      Curtis—AYE      Herdler—AYE      Esserman—AYE  
Ruger—AYE      Brenne--AYE

### 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, September 18 at 7 p.m.