



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
October 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. President Nancy Marshall presided, and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bill Kuc, Jackie Brenne, Nicole Chaput and Bethany Curtis; Council Liaison Debi Salberg; and Adult Instructional Librarian Emma DeLooze-Klein. Absent: Trustees Joan Esserman, Tom Reedy, Peter Ruger, and Bob Herdler.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

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Ms. Brenne moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Mr. Cooper read a letter from patron Beverly Price in which she thanked and commended the work of library employees Tim Nix and Emma DeLooze-Klein, who have been helping her use her Nook e-reader to download and read library e-books. Her letter further stated, 'Through the years I have found all of your employees to be very knowledgeable and pleasant.'

President's Report

Ms. Marshall introduced new trustee Nicole Chaput, who then spoke about her experience.

Ms. Marshall recapped the meeting that the Building and Grounds Committee had with Eric Bronner, concerning his offer of a donation to build a reading garden and fund extra landscaping around the library. She passed around a proposal for design services from SWT Landscaping. She will confer with Mr. Bronner, and see if we can come to a consensus soon (perhaps via e-mail) on whether to accept the proposal.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper answered questions from his report regarding expenditure of bond funds for the December grand opening events, about the removal and cleaning of *Buccaneer's Retreat*, and about the newly begun LAGERS pension plan.

Ms. DeLooze-Klein spoke to the Board about a project she has been working on with the archivist at Webster Groves Historical Society to bring some of their archive materials to the library—at this time focusing on copies of the Webster Groves High

School *Echo* yearbook, and on old maps of Webster Groves. She spoke about some of the challenges in the project, and how it would benefit library users.

Mr. Cooper told the Board that he has been contacted by Arcadia Publishing, which publishes the Images of America book series. There are books in this series on University City, Kirkwood, and many neighborhoods in St. Louis City. They have asked him to write the Webster Groves book. He would like to involve two other staff librarians—Ms. DeLooze-Klein and Deborah Ladd. The Board was favorable to this project moving forward.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

Mr. Cooper said that the Library is in the early stages of planning for a new Website.

Building and Grounds

There was no report from this committee, as the meeting with Mr. Bronner had been covered in the President's Report.

Finance

Ms. Curtis moved to accept the financial report as presented, 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

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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