



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of The Board of Trustees Webster Groves Public Library June 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. This meeting was held a week earlier than normal. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Jackie Brenne, Bob Herdler, Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, Nicole Chaput, Bethany Curtis, and Andrew Rushing, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustee Peter Ruger.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the May 21, 2014 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was a letter from Powers Bowersox Associates (PBA) which will be considered under Old Business.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall introduced new trustee Andrew Rushing. All trustees introduced themselves, as did City Councilmember Greg Mueller, who is returning to the board as Council Liaison.

Ms. Marshall presented a proposal from SWT Landscaping for administering the library's Phase One Landscape Improvements—largely the foundation plantings. Ms. Curtis moved to accept the proposal, Ms. Chaput seconded and the proposal was accepted. Ms. Marshall will contact SWT.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper recapped the bid from Lakeside Roofing for the Meeting Room roof. He will ask for the work to be done as soon as possible.

The parking lot will soon be vacuumed and restriped by Demien Construction. There had been talk of cutting out and repaving the porous pavement portion of the lot, but the opinion of engineers from Frontenac Engineering is that at this point such a course would do more harm than good, as the porous pavement seems to have stabilized.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Chaput plans to convene a Strategic Planning Committee soon. She will meet soon with Advance Planning Committee and Mr. Cooper to set a course for that work.

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 May, 2014. He noted that this fiscal year will end with a deficit and spending from reserves. He emphasized the importance of focusing on this and working to retain a fund balance strong enough to cover tax anticipation in subsequent years. Ms. Curtis moved to approve the Financial Report as presented, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Pursuant to Missouri Revised Statutes 610.021 (p. 3), Mr. Herdler moved that the Board enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Kuc seconded, and the meeting was closed.

Ms. Marshall moved to reopen the meeting, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the meeting was reopened.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

Ms. Esserman moved to approve the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the budget was approved. Mr. Cooper will present it in a public hearing at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 17.

Mr. Cooper read a letter from Fred Powers of Powers Bowersox Associates. In it he spelled out PBA's position on the money still owing to them, and asked to know when the library will be paying it. Mr. Cooper will discuss the matter with Craig Smith.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, July 16 at 7 p.m.