



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
July 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2014. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Peter Ruger, Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, Andrew Rushing, Bob Herdler. Absent: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Jackie Brenne, and Bethany Curtis, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the June 11, 2014 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall noted that due to a few absences, we would not hear from our attorney Craig Smith tonight concerning Frederick Construction, Incorporated's counterclaim and the preparations for an arbitration hearing. She did ask for a motion to employ Craig Lindquist, a construction dispute expert, as a consultant to work with our attorney. Mr. Ruger moved to employ Mr. Lindquist, Ms. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that the WG Police had been called over an indecent exposure incident at the library on July 14th. Staff members were able to identify the person, and the police have issued a no trespass order to him—he is no longer allowed in the library. No library patrons witnessed or were affected by the incident.

He also reported further on the growing effect of Governor Nixon's veto of all funding for public libraries. Our bill for MoreNet (internet service provider) has tripled.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall reported that we have received our first invoice for design services from SWT Landscaping. This is for the design of foundation plantings, which the library plans to pay for, as opposed to the overall reading garden design, which has already been paid for with funds donated by the Bronner Family Foundation. She hopes that the plan will be ready to go out to bid in August, with installation this autumn.

Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for June, 2014. We end the fiscal year with expenditures roughly \$10,000 over budget. But there are two additional bills—about \$27,000 to County Library for reciprocity, and about \$4,000 for our delivery service, which were budgeted for FY13/14 but have not been invoiced yet, which would have put us closer to \$41,000 over. Ms. Esserman moved to approve the finance report, Mr. Rushing seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Pursuant to Mo. Rev. Statutes 610.021, p. 1, Mr. Kuc moved to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Herdler seconded, and the meeting was closed.

Mr. Ruger moved to reopen the meeting, Mr. Herdler seconded, and the meeting was opened.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Cooper presented the final invoice from Demien Construction, in the amount of \$15,561.07. He reported that Demien had finished some parking lot revisions, and aside from redoing the covering on the Meeting Room wall, which could not be done until the roof is replaced, his part of the project was complete. Mr. Ruger moved to pay the invoice, Ms. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

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