



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
August 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20, 2014. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Joan Esserman, Andrew Rushing, Bob Herdler, Bethany Curtis, Bill Kuc, Jackie Brenne, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustee Peter Ruger.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the July 14, 2014 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall said she had attended the Friends Annual Meeting and art reception a few weeks ago, thought it was a very nice event.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper showed a proof of the cover for the book *Images of America: Webster Groves*, which library staff has been working on, and should be out sometime in Spring 2015.

Ferguson Public Library, a consortium member, has been featured in several positive stories about its efforts to keep children in Ferguson safe and involved in learning activities. Webster Groves residents have been donating arts & crafts supplies to be shipped up there.

Mr. Cooper recapped the current status of the library's cases with Frederick Construction, Inc. and Traveler's Insurance.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Chaput said that she would try to convene a meeting of the committee soon to discuss a new strategic plan.

Automation/Systems

Ms. Esserman reported that after three bids had been reviewed, The Miller Group had the lowest bid to replace the library's aging server.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall reported the SWT Landscaping has finalized plans for new landscaping for the south and west sides of the library (Lockwood and Orchard sides). They should go out to bid soon, and we hope to see the work done by October.

Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for July, 2014.

He started a discussion of the library's continuing payments to St. Louis County Library. He hopes the library will seriously consider a different plan for offering access to County Library's resources to Webster Groves residents. We previously discussed a plan in which Webster Groves residents could purchase a non-resident card from County Library and be reimbursed by Webster Groves Public Library. Much discussion ensued, and Mr. Cooper needs to gather more information about the idea.

Mr. Herdler said he would like to speak with UMB directly concerning investment of the library's reserve fund.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

Ms. Chaput moved to change Section VI, p. C of the library's Personnel Policy Manual to read:

'Full-time employees participate in the City of Webster Groves Municipal Library District's LAGERS pension plan.'

Mr. Herdler seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Marshall voted to approve the library's Code of Ethics, Financial Disclosure resolution, which is to be filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission, for another two years. Mr. Kuc seconded, and the resolution passed.

Trustees discussed the Green Power Community Challenge. They felt it was little more than an added expense, and not consistent enough with the library's mission to justify it.

Adjournment

Ms. Esserman moved to adjourn, Mr. Herdler seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 17 at 7 p.m.