



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
January 21, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Jackie Brenne, Bull Kuc, Joan Esserman, Peter Ruger, Nicole Chaput, Bethany Curtis, Bob Herdler, and Andrew Rushing, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 p.m. It was a later than usual start time because the meeting was preceded by a public engagement meeting which started at 7 p.m. That meeting was to gather public input on the question of whether Webster Groves Public Library should continue its contractual arrangement with St. Louis County Library.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the November 19, 2014 Meeting

There were two small errors noted. Mr. Rushing moved to accept the minutes as amended, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Correspondence had been read during the Public Engagement meeting.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall reported on the status of building completion, the Meeting Room wall, the landscaping project, etc.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper noted that legal fees are building up pretty quickly in the lead-up to our arbitration with Frederich Construction, Inc. Between November and January we paid \$26,274.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Chaput reported that the Strategic Planning Committee had met in December. Mr. Cooper reported on that meeting. Committee members considered proposals for conducting a community survey from four consultants, and narrowed the field down to two. The committee should make a recommendation soon on which consultant to

sue for the survey. The committee also talked about formulation of a new mission statement, but wants to wait until survey results are in.

#### Automation/Systems

Mr. Cooper noted that the MLC is starting to consider new Integrated Library Systems. Our current ILS contract expires in January 2016, and our new Systems Administrator believes there are systems that offer new and better features.

#### Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall reported that the committee would be meeting with Eric Bronner next week to gauge his interest in helping to finance the next phase of the landscaping project. She has also spoken with the Friends about it.

#### Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial reports for November and December 2014, noting that expenses are within budget. He also noted that December and January are the biggest revenue months for the library, since this is when most people pay their personal property taxes. Mr. Ruger moved to accept the report as presented, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the report was approved.

#### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

#### Policy

Mr. Ruger explained that the Policy Committee would meet prior to the February Board meeting to discuss the public engagement meeting and make a recommendation concerning our contract with St. Louis County Library.

#### Old Business

There was a brief discussion of the public engagement meeting.

There were further questions from the Board about the 2013-2014 Annual Report.

#### New Business

Each trustee was given a copy of the Audited Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2014. Mr. Ruger moved that discussion of it be tabled until next month. Mr. Rushing seconded and the discussion was tabled.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, February 18 at 7 p.m.