



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
April 15, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2015. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, Bethany Curtis, Andrew Rushing, Jackie Brenne, and Peter Ruger, City Council Liaison Greg Mueller, and former trustee Tom Reedy. Absent: Trustees Bob Herdler and Nicole Chaput.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the March 25, 2015 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

There was no president's report

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper noted that three trustees have expiring terms in May: Mr. Herdler, Mr. Kuc and Ms. Esserman. Mr. Herdler will be termed out, but Mr. Kuc and Ms. Esserman are eligible to reapply. Mr. Herdler has been the board Treasurer for the last nine years, and we will need to select a new treasurer.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall said that she wants to meet soon with SWT Design and Furfaro Landscaping to finalize details about the second phase of our landscaping project. There is still reasonable confidence that the whole project can be paid for with donations from the Bronner Family Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

#### Finance

In Mr. Herdler's absence Mr. Cooper reviewed the financial report, noting that March 2015 had been a fairly average month for expenditures. One of the only bills of note was \$859 to Wall Décor Superstore—to buy bulletin boards. This money came out of the Mary Peyton donation.

#### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

#### Policy

Mr. Ruger reported on the April 13 meeting of the Policy Committee, at which it was decided to recommend that:

- We issue a letter to St. Louis County Library officially terminating our agreement as of June 30, 2015.
- We continue to allow St. Louis County patrons access to Webster Groves Public Library without requiring a fee.

There was some discussion of this second point. It was noted that many of our County users are parents with children from Shrewsbury, and that we are their most convenient library. Also, given the borders of Webster Groves School District, there are students of Webster Groves schools who do not reside in the Webster Groves Public Library service area, and it seems unfair to deny them free access. It was also pointed out that we do not expect any kind of new impact from County Library patrons: those people who use our services have long since been assimilated into our workflow. And finally, because it has been our stance that area libraries should not be charging one another fees for 'across border' usage, it is only appropriate that we lead by example.

Mr. Ruger moved that we continue to allow free access to Webster Groves Public Library by County patrons; Mr. Kuc seconded, and the motion passed.

#### Old Business

Mr. Reedy and Mr. Cooper reported on the arbitration hearing which had taken place April 6-10 between the library and Frederick Construction. The arbitrator has up to three weeks to render a decision in the matter.

#### New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Mr. Ruger moved to adjourn, Ms. Brenne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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