



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
August 19, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015. Vice-President Bill Kuc presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Jackie Brenne, Justin Hauke, Bethany Curtis, and Joan Esserman, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustees Peter Ruger, Nicole Chaput, Andrew Rushing, and Nancy Marshall.

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 15, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Hauke noted that his name should be removed from the Finance Committee report and replaced by Mr. Rushing. Ms. Esserman moved to accept the minutes as corrected, Ms. Curtis 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 distributed copies of the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Annual Report. He suggested that trustees could review it for discussion at the September Board Meeting. Trustees noted a few corrections to the report, and Mr. Mueller asked if it could be submitted to the City Council in electronic form.

Advanced Planning

Mr. Cooper said that there had been a meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee to review a draft of the community survey. It will be sent soon to ETC Institute to be worked up into its final form.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

There was no report from this committee.

Finance

Mr. Cooper noted that this was a fairly standard month of expenditures. Mr. Kuc moved to approve the financial report as presented, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Mr. Kuc said he had met with the committee to discuss the pension enhancement proposal which had been presented by Mass Mutual representatives. The sense of the committee is that we should not accept the proposal, and do nothing more at this time concerning pension enhancement. But he did not think it would be a good time to call for a vote without the full board present.

Policy

Mr. Cooper said that City Clerk Katie Nakazono had distributed a copy of the City's policy concerning absences of members of its various boards and commissions. This was in response to some of their boards and commissions being unable to make quorums lately and thus unable to conduct business. It was just a reminder of the policy.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Marilynne Bradley of the City's Fine Arts Commission recently notified the library that Rudy Torrini, Jr. has a number of his father's sculptures that are available for donation. Mr. Cooper asked the trustees to think about whether a piece of sculpture would be a good addition to our art collection, where it might be displayed, etc. He said he would send a link to trustees with photos of Mr. Torrini's work.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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