



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
September 16, 2015

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2015. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Joan Esserman, Peter Ruger, Bethany Curtis, Jackie Brenne, Justin Hauke, and Bill Kuc, City Council Liaison Greg Mueller, and Webster Groves resident Paul Burke. Absent: Trustees Andrew Rushing and Nicole Chaput.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the August 19, 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

There was no librarian's report beyond the written report.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

Mr. Cooper spoke about the upcoming training for the Polaris ILS system, which will present some staffing and scheduling challenges.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall said there had been a few meetings with Jay Wohlschlaeger from SWT Landscaping and Brad Furfaro from Furfaro Landscaping concerning the final design of the next phase of our landscaping. Pending final acceptance by the library and final approval by the City that work should get underway soon. This work will be paid for by a \$10,000 donation from the Bronner Family Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

There was discussion of whether this new landscaping area might be suited to housing a piece of sculpture, especially since we have recently been presented with the offer of a piece from Rudy Torrini. Trustees agreed it was worth taking a look at what Mr. Rudy Torrini, Jr. has to offer.

Finance

Mr. Kuc moved to accept the financial report as written, Ms. Esserman seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Mr. Kuc spoke again about the recommendation of the *ad hoc* committee concerning purchasing an insurance policy as a pension enhancement for the library director. The committee's recommendation was to not purchase the insurance policy, and Mr. Kuc so moved. Ms. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

There were a few questions from Mr. Burke about the Annual Report, especially concerning recognition of significant donors. Mr. Cooper allowed that this was an oversight and he would make the correction. Ms. Brenne moved to approve the annual report as corrected, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the report was approved.

New Business

Ms. Curtis moved to accept the proposal from RJP Electric to make improvements to the library's emergency lighting set-up. Mr. Kuc, seconded, and the motion passed.

There was discussion of a letter to be sent to DiMaggio Electric, the original electrical contractor, expressing our belief that they are responsible for the expense of these improvements, because they were within the scope of the original plans and should have been included. Mr. Mueller suggested an additional paragraph to the letter. It was also suggested that the letter be copied to Demien Construction as general contractor on the project. Ms. Marshall moved to send the letter, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Ruger moved to adjourn, Ms. Brenne seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 7 p.m.