



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

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 2015. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Joan Esserman, Bill Kuc, Peter Ruger, Andrew Rushing, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustees Jackie Brenne, Bethany Curtis, Justin Hauke.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the September 16, 2015 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence

President's Report

Ms. Marshall spoke about her attendance at the last Friends Board meeting, at which they expressed a desire to start a donor program involving engraved pavers, once the new landscaping is installed. She said that the company that engraves the pavers charges \$40 per paver, but will only come out on an order of 10 or more.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper talked about Polaris, the new ILS system the library is getting. He specifically talked about the Public Access Catalog (PAC), and some of the great new features it would have for our patrons to use.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Marshall noted that we have a new chairperson for the Strategic Planning Committee, as Mr. Chaput has found herself too busy with other obligations to continue in that position. Ms. Esserman has taken over as chair. The Committee is currently awaiting a response from ETC Institute on our suggested revisions to the draft survey.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Marshall said we are awaiting final pricing for the landscaping project, so we can proceed with that.

Finance

Mr. Rushing reviewed the financial report for September, 2015. He noted that expenses are running a little ahead of budget projection, but that is mostly due to coming off a month with three payrolls and payment of a few other large annual fees. Ms. Esserman moved to approve the financial report, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

New Business

Mr. Ruger mentioned that the caution paint on the front steps was faded and could be a safety hazard. Mr. Cooper said he would have them painted soon.

Mr. Cooper asked the Board if we could raise the fine ceiling at which debt collection procedures are initiated from \$25 to \$50. Mr. Ruger moved to raise the ceiling to \$50, Mr. Rushing seconded, and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Rushing moved to adjourn, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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