



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
March 9, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2016. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bill Kuc, Bethany Curtis, Pete Ruger, Joan Esserman, Nicole Chaput, and Andrew Rushing, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustees Jackie Brenne and 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 February 17, 2016 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

Advanced Planning

Ms. Esserman reported that the survey results have been distributed and the Strategic Planning Committee would meet soon to consider them.

Automation/Systems

Ms. Esserman reported that the library's new Website is making progress. Mr. Cooper said he hopes to see it completed in a few weeks' time.

Building and Grounds

We expect the plantings for the new Reading Garden to be installed soon.

### Finance

Ms. Chaput moved to accept the financial report as presented, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the report was approved.

### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

### Policy

Mr. Ruger reported that the committee had reviewed the proposal to institute a fee for the use of the Meeting Room by commercial groups. There were two suggestions for amendments. Ms. Curtis suggested requiring a deposit to prevent 'no-shows.' Ms. Chaput suggested a surcharge for groups that serve food. Mr. Cooper said he would make those changes and submit a revised draft to the committee.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

Mr. Cooper said that in response to a number of suggestions in the community survey he had been thinking about some changes to public areas in the library, including a few new furniture pieces and some improved lighting for the gallery space. He believes most, if not all of the additions could be paid for with funds remaining in the Peyton and Grashoff donations. He would like to meet soon with the Building and Grounds Committee to discuss these changes.

### Adjournment

Ms. Chaput 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, April 20 at 7 p.m.