



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
May 18, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, 2016. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Andrew Rushing, Justin Hauke, Peter Ruger, Bethany Curtis, Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, and Nicole Chaput; new Board Trustee Bob Hart; and City Council Liaison Toni Hunt. Absent: Trustee Jackie Brenne.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the April 20, 2016 Meeting

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

Correspondence

Mr. Cooper read an e-mail from library user Celeste Endicott in which she complained that the library's main Reading Room is too noisy; and that furthermore one of the main sources of the noise is unnecessary conversation among the library's own staff members at the Circulation Desk. Mr. Cooper said he had already discussed the matter with those staff members, and hoped there would be no repetition of such a complaint.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall thanked Peter Ruger for his long and very beneficial service to the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Ruger said that he had enjoyed his service, and that over the years he has been working with the Library he has always been impressed by the quality of its Board members. Then Ms. Marshall introduced Mr. Hart, a new trustee. She also noted that Ms. Brenne's tenure with the board is at an end, and the City Council is interviewing applicants to replace her. Ms. Curtis has been reappointed for another 3-year term with the Board.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper said that he had spoken with outgoing City Council Liaison Greg Mueller recently, and Mr. Mueller wanted to pass on to the Board how much he had enjoyed working with them. He then introduced new liaison Toni Hunt.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

There was no report from this committee.

Finance

Mr. Rushing reviewed the bills from April, and reported 'cautious optimism' that we will have enough money in reserves at the end of this fiscal year to carry us through until tax revenues begin to come in between December and January. Ms. Esserman moved to accept the financial report as presented, Ms. Chaput 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

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Ruger moved to accept Board Resolution 2016-01. This resolution proposes using money left over from various donations to pay for some new furnishings and other enhancements to the library facility. (Full text attached.) Ms. Curtis seconded, and the resolution passed.

Mr. Rushing said that the Finance Committee had reviewed and recommended passage of the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Mr. Hauke moved to approve the budget as presented, Mr. Rushing seconded, and the budget was approved.

The proposed slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 remains unchanged from the current officers:

President Nancy Marshall
Vice-President Bill Kuc
Secretary/Treasurer Andrew Rushing

These officers will be voted on at the June meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Ruger moved to adjourn, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, June 15 at 7 p.m.



Board Resolution #2016—01

Whereas the library board recently completed a Long-Range plan which indicates that certain improvements to the comfort and usability of the library building at 301 E. Lockwood Avenue would enhance our library user experience; and

Whereas library administrators have put a plan in place to make those improvements; and

Whereas we still have \$26,756 in our fund balance from recent donations which have not been spent¹, therefore

We resolve that the library will use reserves in our fund balance to pay for the above noted improvements, not to exceed the amount of \$26,756, and to include:

- Additional seating for the Main Floor Reading Room
- Additional seating for the Teen Area
- A new shelving unit to hold Book Club Kits
- A wall unit for the Children's Room Staff Area
- Enhanced lighting for the Art Gallery

¹ Peyton bequest: \$8,416; Lutheran Senior Services Donation: \$10,000; Grashoff Donation: \$4,840.00; Detrick Fund: \$3,500.00