



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
June 15, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, 15, 2016. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Bob Hart, Elliot Graf, Justin Hauke, Joan Esserman, Bill Kuc, Bethany Curtis. Absent: Trustee Andrew Rushing and Council Liaison Toni Hunt.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the May 18, 2016 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall welcomed new trustee Elliot Graf to the Board.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper noted that the carpeting in most of the building will be cleaned soon. The Friends will be holding their Annual Meeting Friday June 17, out in the new Reading Garden, if the weather is not too hot. He also mentioned that the Little Free Libraries have been ordered, and will be installed in public parks as soon as they get here.

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

Trustees reviewed the financial report from May. Ms. Curtis moved to approve the report as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Pursuant to RSMo 610.021, P.3, Mr. Kuc moved to close the meeting. Ms. Marshall seconded, and the meeting was closed.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Ms. Marshall moved to consider expenditures from bond funds on the renovation and expansion of the library building at an end. Ms. Curtis seconded, and the motion passed. Mr. Cooper will contact UMB, our trustee bank, about filing the Certificate of Completion.

Ms. Marshall noted that with a few trustees leaving the board and a few new appointees, it was time to make some adjustments to the standing committee assignments. Mr. Cooper will write up the new committee list and distribute it.

Mr. Cooper described how a library can become a passport acceptance agency, including the facts that a) it can be a lot of work for staff, and b) it can be pretty lucrative for libraries, since they can keep the \$25 passport fees they collect. Libraries that do it, such as Kirkwood Public and Festus Public, report annual profits often in the tens of thousands. It is also a great service to residents, because libraries are in general more convenient for families to register. The problem in the past has been that the State Department declined to let Webster Groves Public Library become an agency because Kirkwood was too close. Now they have indicated that they are expanding their network of agencies and we may be able to register. Mr. Cooper wants to try again, and there were no objections from the trustees.

Mr. Cooper reported that he will present the library's new budget at the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. on June 21st. Any interested trustees are welcome to attend.

Mr. Cooper read out the slate of officers for 2016-2017 who had been nominated at the May 18 meeting. They are:

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

Ms. Marshall asked if there were any other nominees. There being none, Ms. Esserman moved to vote in the slate of officers. Ms. Chaput seconded, and the officers were approved.

Ms. Curtis noted that she had seen a troubling amount of standing water around the new Reading Garden during rainy days. Mr. Cooper said that it had been noted and he had contacted Brad Furfaro of Furfaro Landscaping about it. He will continue working on a solution to that.

Adjournment

Ms. Chaput moved to adjourn, Ms. Curtis 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, July 20 at 7 p.m.