



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
August 17, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2016. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bob Hart, Joan Esserman, Bill Kuc, Bethany Curtis, Andrew Rushing, Justin Hauke, and City Council Liaison Toni Hunt. Absent: Trustees Nicole Chaput and Elliot Graf.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the July 20, 2016 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall reported that she had been working with the men at the woodworking shop at Laclede Groves, and they had produced a prototype 'Little Free Library' that they could build for us for as little as \$50 apiece.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that the library had been closed this past Sunday (Aug. 14) due to a power outage. After spending three years in the new building with no power outages there have been three in the past few months, and they always cost the library a few hundred dollars—mostly having the HVAC system reset.

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.

Mr. Cooper reported that the Friends have met to discuss the project for selling engraved pavers in the new Reading Garden to patrons.

There was discussion of the Bronner Family Foundation's donation of \$5,000 to the Friends. Since the Friends would have to make a significant financial commitment for this project to move forward soon, there were questions about whether another landscaping project at this point was the best expenditure of available funds.

Finance

Mr. Rushing reported on the first month of bills for the new fiscal year; a larger than average month of payments, because there were three payrolls this month and because a number of annual and/or quarterly payments were made.

He also reported that the library filed its Certificate of Completion with UMB bank and the extra project funds have been rolled into the bond redemption account.

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

Human Resource

Mr. Kuc reported that the committee had met with Mr. Cooper to discuss his goals for the upcoming year. They had asked for more detail on his goals, and for more indication of how his goals dovetail with those of the full-time staff. Mr. Cooper will work on that and present it to the committee soon.

Policy

Mr. Hart reported that a few of the circulation policy changes seemed fine with the committee, though they still had questions about others. They will meet to discuss these prior to the September meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Rushing moved to renew the Conflict of Interest Resolution, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the Resolution passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Rushing 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, September 21 at 7 p.m.