



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
June 21, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bob Hart, Bethany Curtis, Justin Hauke, Elliot Graf, Andrew Rushing, Joan Esserman, Nicole Chaput, and Bill Kuc. Absent: City Council Liaison Toni Hunt.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the May 17, 2017 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

There was no president's report

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper said that the Friends would be holding their annual meeting on Friday, June 23 from 5 to 6:30, at which time the new Reading Garden and flagpole area would be dedicated. He also reported on his presentation of the annual budget to the City Council on June 21.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Curtis told trustees that a local sculptor named Evan Smith wanted to design and donate a sculpture to the library. She showed a picture of his proposed design.

There were several questions, and it was agreed that the building committee would have to meet with Mr. Smith to further discuss his ideas.

Finance

Mr. Rushing explained that we have one more pay period in this fiscal year, and we are on track to end the year well within the proposed budget. Although the budget is fine overall, there were overages in a few categories, such as Reference and Maintenance, and Mr. Cooper took a few minutes to explain the reasons for these. Ms. Esserman moved to accept the finance report as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Pursuant to MoRev Statutes 610.021, p. 3, Mr. Kuc moved to enter closed session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Marshall seconded and the meeting was closed.

Ms. Chaput moved to reopen the meeting, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the meeting was reopened.

Policy

Mr. Hart reported that the idea of implementing a Shared Leave Policy was complicated by a number of tax implications we were not aware of when we started talking about it. Since the immediate need for such a policy has been alleviated, action on this item has been tabled pending further investigation.

Old Business

Mr. Cooper reported that he had not gotten much further advice about investments of reserve funds from contacts at City Hall. He said that the best advice came from Brian Krippner, our agent at UMB, and proposed just following his simple outline for pursuing the investment. Mr. Hauke suggested that the best way to invest the funds would be through CDs with variable maturity dates. Mr. Cooper will speak with Mr. Krippner soon and get this started.

New Business

Ms. Esserman moved to elect this slate of candidates as Library Board Officers for 2017-2018:

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

Mr. Hauke seconded, and the officers were elected. Mr. Rushing delegated his secretarial duties to Mr. Cooper.

Adjournment

Ms. Curtis moved to adjourn, Ms. Chaput 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 19 at 7 p.m.