



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
August 16, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2017. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Andrew Rushing, Bob Hart, Joan Esserman, Bill Kuc, Bethany Curtis, and Justin Hauke. Absent: Trustee Elliot Graf and City Council Liaison Toni Hunt.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the July 19, 2017 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

There was no president's report, except to note that there had been a Building Committee meeting with sculptor Evan Smith.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper spoke about eclipse glasses, and how providing them had become a major preoccupation with libraries across the region. Webster Groves Public Library still has a few hundred pairs, but they are saving them for patrons attending an eclipse safety workshop on Friday August 18th and the actual day of the eclipse Monday August 21st.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Curtis reported on a meeting with sculptor Evan Smith, who wants to donate a sculpture created specifically for the library. It is his plan to do something which evokes the old and the new in libraries, by setting a series of old books on a table,

but hollowing them out and filling them with LED lights, creating a visually striking display. There are several questions, such as how best to provide electrification for the work, where it would best be placed (even though it was originally planned for the space at the northeast corner of the Reading Room, just in front of the stacks), and what kind of table it would rest on. Mr. Smith is currently busy with other projects, and we will talk more about these things when he has time to begin work on the project.

Finance

Mr. Rushing noted that after one month of the fiscal year we are about \$13,000 under budget. He pointed out that gas and electric bills have been placed on budget billing for easier tracking throughout the year. There was some discussion of having patron's names on the monthly Disbursements report when they receive refunds on lost/paid items that are subsequently returned, though no action was recommended or taken. Ms. Curtis moved to accept the financial report as presented, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

Pursuant to MO REV 610.021 (P. 3), Mr. Kuc moved for a closed session. Mr. Rushing seconded, and the meeting was closed.

Mr. Kuc moved to reopen the meeting, Ms. Marshall seconded, and the meeting was reopened.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Cooper presented a proposal from our insurance broker to provide Cyber Security insurance. Trustees had a series of questions about the proposal, which Mr. Cooper will take up with our broker. The issue will be revisited at the September meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Chaput moved to adjourn, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, September 20 at 7 p.m.