



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
November 15, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Elliot Graf, Andrew Rushing, Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, Justin Hauke, and Nicole Chaput, and City Council Liaison Toni Hunt. Absent: Trustees Bethany Curtis and Bob Hart.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

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

Correspondence

There was a letter from the Webster Groves City Council inviting library trustees to attend a public hearing on a proposal by Sangita Capital Partners to build an apartment building on the old YMCA lot.

President's Report

There was no president's report.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper noted that he is working with the community relations department at the Repertory Theater to have a sensory friendly Santa program at the library in December.

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 financial report for October, 2018. He noted that while the report shows us over \$30,000 under budget, that figure is not right, because it was based on October being a 3-payroll month, which it was not. The actual amount under budget is closer to \$13,000. The difference should be reconciled mostly in November, which *is* a 3-payroll month.

Mr. Graf moved to accept the report as presented, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the report was approved.

Ms. Esserman expressed her concern that her understanding of our bond payments was not as thorough as she would like, and asked if we could give trustees a better orientation in the process. Mr. Cooper said he would ask Brian Krippner, our agent at UMB (our trustee bank), if he would visit a future board meeting to do that.

### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

### Old Business

Mr. Cooper said that he had a few corrections from trustees to the draft annual report, and asked for further input. There being none, Ms. Chaput moved to accept the report as amended, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the annual report was approved. Mr. Cooper will revise it and distribute copies at the next board meeting.

### New Business

Mr. Cooper said that the new arrangement with St. Louis County Library had been signed and is to take effect on January 1, 2018. He said he would like to begin publicizing it. There were no objections, and he will proceed.

Ms. Chaput noted that she has seen some discussion on social media about the diversity of the collection at Webster Groves Public Library. People who are interested in this had counted the number of books we had from a certain list called We Stories, and concluded that we had fewer of the titles on the list than either Kirkwood Public Library or University City Public Library. Mr. Cooper noted that the number of titles is fairly consistent with the relative sizes of those libraries. But he also said he would look into it with Children's Librarian Michelle Haffer and work to bring those numbers up.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, January 17 at 7 p.m.