



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
April 18, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bob Hart, Bethany Curtis, Joan Esserman, Nicole Chaput, Bill Kuc, Eliot Graf, and Justin Hauke. Absent: Trustee Andrew Rushing.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the March 14, 2018 Meeting

Ms. Marshall noted that it was Ms. Esserman, not Ms. Marshall, who needed to reapply for board appointment. Ms. Curtis moved to accept the minutes as amended, Mr. Hauke 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 AT&T had begun working on a project that impacted the library's parking lot. He is working with them to ensure minimal disruption to library patrons, but they may have to close the library's exit drive for a while one day.

New Webster Groves Councilmember Laura Arnold has had a tour and orientation to library services.

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. Cooper reviewed the financial report for March. Ms. Curtis moved to approve the report as presented, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the report was approved.

### Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

### Old Business

There was no old business

### New Business

Mr. Cooper spoke of a library patron who had visited the library once or twice, checked out nearly \$1,000 worth of movies and other materials, and never returned any of it. The patron has been contacted numerous times by our collection service, and there has been no response. He said the library may proceed to criminal prosecution of this patron.

Mr. Cooper asked if the board would consider a change in the library's hours. We are currently open 66 hours per week, and cannot really afford to be open more hours, but we might be able to serve our public more effectively by cutting the hours on weeknights and adding more hours on the weekends. The board suggested that he study it more thoroughly and present a plan.

Mr. Cooper offered a proposal for some adjustments to the 17-18 fiscal year budget. These adjustments deal largely with our patrons' eager adoption of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks. This will likely be the trend going forward, with more and more money moving to digital rather than print materials. The adjustments would be:

Deduct	\$5,000 from Maintenance
	\$2,400 from Adult Video
	\$3,000 from Reference
	\$7,000 from Juvenile Books
	=\$17,400
Add	\$4,500 to Adult Books
	\$12,900 to Adult Audio

Mr. Graf moved to make the adjustments, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the motion was approved.

Adjournment

Ms. Esserman moved to adjourn, Ms. Chaput seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m.