



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
May 16, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Bethany Curtis, Andrew Rushing, Bob Hart, Justin Hauke, Joan Esserman, Bill Kuc, and Eliot Graf; City Council Liaison Matt Armstrong; Outreach Librarian Deborah Ladd.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the April 18, 2018 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

Ms. Marshall noted that this would be the final board meeting for Mr. Kuc, who has served his full term. On behalf of the library she thanked him for his service, which covered the difficult years of the library's renovation and expansion.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that there is some question as to who our final City Council liaison would be. He will let the board know when the question is resolved.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Curtis urged trustees to visit *Through the Wonder*, the sculpture recently donated by Evan and Stacey Smith, which is now in the library's reading room. Mr.

Cooper noted that he is working on getting a company to build the shelf that will seat *Rudy*, the Rudolph Torrini sculpture recently donated by the Webster Groves Arts Commission.

#### Finance

Mr. Rushing reported that as of April the library is still running about 32,000 under budget for the year. He also spoke about the library's reserve fund at UMB, which has been reinvested for another year.

Ms. Chaput moved to accept the financial report, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the report was approved.

#### Human Resource

Mr. Cooper reported on a few staffing changes that will take place by the beginning of the new fiscal year. Patricia Linehan, long-time Adult Services Librarian, is retiring. She will be replaced by Deborah Ladd, who has been the library's Outreach Librarian, though most of her clerical duties will be assumed by Anne Bone, a part-time employee who will move to full-time. Ms. Ladd spoke to the board about the things she hopes to work on in the position.

#### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

#### New Business

Ms. Marshall and Mr. Rushing offered to remain in their posts as President and Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Rushing nominated Mr. Graf to serve as Vice-president. This slate of candidates will be voted on at the June meeting.

Mr. Rushing said that the Finance Committee had reviewed the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, and voted to recommend it to the full board. Mr. Hauke moved to approve the budget, Mr. Rushing seconded, and the budget was approved.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m. There followed a short reception honoring Mr. Kuc's tenure on the board.

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