



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
March 17, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17. Vice-President Bethany Curtis presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Joan Esserman, Jenine Harris, Ed Scholl, Sherry Taylor, Tess Thompson, and Janey Worthington, and City Council Liaison Karen Alexander. Absent: Trustees Justin Hauke and Leann Waugh.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Meeting

Ms. Taylor moved to approve the minutes, Dr. Thompson 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 library had been reopened for limited public browsing and computer use for a few days now, and everything was going well. A few problems in the Children's Room, but staff had worked to take care of them.

He reported that Rock Hill Public Library, an MLC partner, had once again lost its director, the third director in about 4 years.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Curtis said that ASI signage is ready to install our front yard sign as soon as we get the electricity run to it. RJP Electric is working on that, and should have it done soon.

Finance

Ms. Esserman presented the financial report. The library is running a little under budget. She explained the Railroad and Utility Tax, in which area the library had received over \$19,000. Ms. Worthington moved to approve the financial report, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resources

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

Dr. Thompson moved that the April board meeting be held via Zoom conferencing, Ms. Esserman seconded, and the motion was approved.

New Business

Mr. Cooper noted that he would in the next few weeks be working on a draft of the 2021-2022 operating budget. During that time, he may contact Building & Grounds Committee, Human Resources Committee, or any other committee directly impacted by the budget being considered. When a draft is ready, he will contact the Finance Committee to review it prior to the next board meeting.

Ms. Worthington reported that the Friends are still working on their scavenger hunt event. The Webster Groves-themed hunt will have twenty questions in five categories, some with photo clues, and may be completed in a print format or online. There will be three prizes, Webster Groves Gift Certificates in the amounts of \$75, \$50, and \$25. The hunt will be publicized in the Webster-Kirkwood Times, Facebook, Page 61, and the library website, and winners will be announced at the author book signing event on May 22. She also reported that they are writing descriptions of officers' duties and other roles within the organization.

Adjournment

Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, April 21 at 7 p.m.