



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
May 19, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19. Vice-President Bethany Curtis presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Ed Scholl, Leanne Waugh, Jenine Harris, Janey Worthington, and City Council Liaison Karen Alexander. Absent: Trustees Justin Hauke, Sherry Taylor, and Tess Thompson.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Meeting

Mr. Scholl moved to approve the minutes, Ms. Worthington 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 has heard from City Hall, and they hope to reappoint Dr. Thompson to the board and appoint two new trustees in June.

Advanced Planning

Dr. Harris said that with COVID restrictions being loosened, she hopes soon to revisit a community survey, sending out bids for consultants, etc.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Curtis noted that the grounds are looking very nice this spring. Mr. Cooper said that is mostly down to our new groundskeeper, John Woodruff, who is doing an excellent job.

### Finance

Mr. Scholl reviewed the financial report for April. He noted that we are within budget in almost all funds, with only two months to go. He also visited our position regarding our reserves, which is very strong.

### Human Resources

Mr. Cooper described his work to control expense on part-time hours by making better use of full-time staff.

### Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Ms. Worthington said that the Friends are holding an author event on Saturday. She also said that their scavenger hunt, based on Webster Groves trivia, which they have been promoting all month, was fun and engaging, and urged other trustees to try it before the time to do it expires.

### Old Business

There was no old business.

### New Business

Mr. Cooper presented the draft operating budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Dr. Harris moved to approve the budget, Ms. Waugh seconded, and the budget was approved.

Mr. Cooper described his research into a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) phone system. He believes it would save us money each month, especially since our AT&T bills increased significantly this year. This would be something he would start in the new fiscal year. One problem is the fear that when the Internet goes down, we are without phones, though he has been reassured by VoicePro, the vendor, that they have dedicated lines to cover it. Ms. Waugh asked if it would not be a good idea to add a Charter landline to cover that eventuality. Mr. Cooper will look into that as well.

There was discussion of officers for FY 2021-2022. Since he has been stepping into that role already, Ms. Worthington nominated Mr. Scholl to be Treasurer/Secretary. Ms. Waugh seconded, and Mr. Scholl was elected.

Discussion of nominations for President and Vice-President was tabled until the June meeting, when we hope to have a fuller board for the election.

The June meeting will be held in the Meeting Room. Mr. Cooper will research what kind of equipment we would need to provide a phone-in option for trustees or others who wish to attend that way.

Adjournment

Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn, Ms. Waugh seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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