



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Trustees  
Webster Groves Public Library  
March 15, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15. President Tess Thompson presided and Library Director Madison Morris kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Sherry Taylor, Jenine Harris, Janey Worthington, Anita Radcliffe, Mike Clay, Ed Scholl, and City Council Liaison Laura Arnold. Absent: Trustees and Angelo Austin and Leanne Waugh.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the January 25, 2023 Meeting

Mr. Clay moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Worthington seconded and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

Email from Jenny Dodson-Weihl and Community Safety Pledge movement asking the WGPL and the Board to support this pledge.

Ms. Worthington moved to make this pledge. Ms. Taylor Seconded and the motion passed with everyone in favor.

Email from Laura Arnold and the City of Webster Groves asking for WGPL to take part in No Mow April.

Ms. Morris said that she was checking on the libraries' lawn contract to see if it was possible to participate without losing budgeted money.

President's Report

None

Librarian's Report

Ms. Morris reiterated that her first month at WGPL had gone well and brought attention to reoccurring building issues.

Advanced Planning

See Old Business

### Building and Grounds

Ms. Morris will work with the Building and Grounds committee to come up with possible solutions to the reoccurring roofing issues.

### Finance

Mr. Scholl mentioned that our payment to the debt service goes out in April. He also said that we should review our budget and plan for finding a real solution to the roof leaks. He also stated that the Finance Committee would meet with Ms. Morris to discuss budget adjustments for the April Board Meeting and to discuss the 2023-2024 budget year.

Ms. Worthington moved to approve the financial report. Mr. Clay seconded and the report was approved.

### Human Resources

None

### Policy

Ms. Taylor said they are continuing to monitor the Ashcroft rule and will adjust the policy at a later time if needed.

### Friends Report

Ms. Worthington reported that the Friends group has 314 members. Upcoming events they will be hosting: Beyond the Page on June 4<sup>th</sup>, a potential membership recognition event in August, a book sale in September, and their full membership meeting in November. A paver for Tom Cooper was donated by the Friends in honor of his retirement. The next Friends of the Library Board Meeting is on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

### City Hall

Ms. Arnold reported that a program called balancing act will be live on the city's website in coming weeks. This program allows residents to state their preference on how the city spends money in the next budget year. She also stated that in regard to the fire department and fire safety that Webster Groves Residents are as safe as they have ever been and will continue to be safe.

### Old Business

Strategic Plan

Dr. Harris reported that the strategic plan is complete and is being handed off to Ms. Morris. She thanked the Advance Planning Committee and the Board for their help with the process.

### New Business

Ms. Morris asked to instate a lifetime library card for the previous director Tom Cooper.

Mr. Scholl moved to approve Tom Cooper having a lifetime Webster Groves library card. Dr. Harris seconded this. The motion passed with everyone in favor.

Ms. Morris talked about her plans for the next six months as the new director and also gave a brief overview of some future considerations in regard to building projects and library services as a whole.

Ms. Morris will be working with the Finance Committee to have a proposal for budget adjustments for the April meeting

Adjournment

Ms. Taylor moved to adjourn, Dr. Harris seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, April 19th at 7 p.m.