



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
April 19, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. President Tess Thompson presided and Library Director Madison Morris kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Sherry Taylor, Leanne Waugh, Anita Radcliffe, Mike Clay, Angelo Austin and City Council Liaison Laura Arnold. Absent: Trustees Ed Scholl, Janey Worthington, Jenine Harris and Leanne Waugh.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the March 15, 2023 Meeting

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

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

There was no president's report.

Librarian's Report

Ms. Morris spoke briefly about attending the MPLD conference in Kansas City in June.

Advanced Planning

None

Building and Grounds

Ms. Radcliffe said that the committee will be creating a plan of action for future building maintenance and improvements. Priorities include: general expenses and maintenance, fixing the roof, and updating the children's area.

Finance

Ms. Radcliffe reported that more property taxes were paid out in March. She also brought attention to March having three payrolls. This led to payroll line item for the month being higher than usual. Generally, there are only two payrolls a month. March was an outlier.

There was discussion about certain areas of the budget being over including professional services and payroll. Money could be reallocated at the May board meeting but there is not much room for moving things around.

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

Human Resources

None

Policy

The policy committee will meet in coming months to discuss the new Missouri Rule and how it may affect current policies.

Friends Report

Ms. Worthington reported via email that the friends approved a request from the Children's' librarian to fund the purchase of a TV and cart to assist in programming. She also said that they will be hosting the Beyond the Page event on Sunday, June 4 at 2:00 where they will welcome Madison Morris as the new Director and give her the opportunity to introduce herself to WGPL patrons.

City Hall

Ms. Arnold reported that the 23-24 proposed city budget can be found on the City Hall website. In coordination with the proposed budgets those who live in Webster Groves can go to the city website and use a program called Balancing Act which will allow them to give feedback about where the upcoming budget should be allocated. Ms. Arnold said that No Mow April has been a huge success and mentioned that city is looking into an initiative where front facing solar panels will be allowed on historic buildings. The city is also working towards an Entrepreneur Grant from the National League of Cities which could aid those who want to open small businesses in Webster Groves.

Old Business

Budget Adjustments

The board may vote in May to reallocate remaining money in the budget to line items that are currently over.

New Business

State Funding

Next month Ms. Morris will try to have a more comprehensive plan for what would need to be done to comply with the Ashcroft rule in order to receive state funding.

2023-2024 Budget

Ms. Morris will be working with the finance committee to have a budget draft ready for the board to discuss at the May meeting.

Other

Ms. Thompson mentioned that annual elections for the board are in May and Committee Assignments will also be assigned during this meeting as well.

Adjournment

Mr. Clay moved to adjourn, Mr. Austin seconded, and the meeting was adjourned 7:54 at p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, May 17th at 7 p.m.