



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
August 17, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2011. President Tom Reedy presided, and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Present: Trustees Bob Herdler, Bill Kuc, Bently Green, Christine Krueger, Nancy Marshall. Absent: Trustees Peter Ruger, Liz Walsh, Stacy Deleste, and City Council Liaison Debi Salberg.

Call to Order

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

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the July 20, 2011 Meeting

Mr. Herdler moved to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Mr. Reedy noted we are only a month into the new fiscal year and there is not much to report. He also mentioned that last month's bills indicated that the Friends of the Library have recently given around \$4,000 to the Library. He reminded trustees to renew their Friends membership if they have not done so.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper mentioned that the Library just held its end of Summer Reading Club party at Larson Park in Webster Groves, and that the Library was charged for the use of the park pavilion. We are the only library in the Municipal Library Consortium whose Parks Department charges us to use a city park. He would like to speak with the city about this. Trustees were of the opinion that this is not a good time to complain about this. Our finances are in better shape than in a long time and the fees we pay are affordable,

Advanced Planning

There was a brief discussion of planning for grand opening events, but until a reasonably firm date when we will be moving in is established, this planning cannot proceed.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

Mr. Green recapped a number of recent issues that have risen with the project, none of them 'red flags,' so much as 'yellow ones.' These issues have to do with unresolved claims by FCI, and our inability to come to resolution on them, despite our recent good faith efforts to compromise and offer payment of some of them. There will be a meeting on August 18 with FCI, PBA and KAI to discuss this.

Ms. Marshall noted that the furnishings package has gone out to bid to several vendors. Bids are due back on August 31.

Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for July, 2011. Mr. Green moved to approve the report as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and it was approved.

Mr. Herdler also discussed this fiscal year in general, offering an estimate of how much money we will have in reserve at the end of the year. He also talked about the funds that will be left in our Building Fund at UMB when the project is completed; we need to talk about a conservative investment strategy for those funds, since we have to wait a number of years before we can begin buying back our bonds.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

Mr. Cooper presented a draft policy dealing with people taking signatures for petitions on library property. He would like to discuss it at the September meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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