



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
April 20, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2016. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Andrew Rushing, Pete Ruger, Bethany Curtis, Bill Kuc, Joan Esserman, and City Council Liaison Greg Mueller. Absent: Trustees Nicole Chaput, Justin Hauke, and Jackie Brenne.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the March 9, 2016 Meeting

Ms. Curtis moved to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Kuc 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 reported that the Missouri Legislature has just restored funding for public libraries in Missouri to the levels it was in 2014, prior to a series of cuts over the past few years.

Advanced Planning

Ms. Esserman asked if everyone had reviewed the goals statement and new mission statement created by the Strategic Planning Committee, which will form the core of the library's new Long-Range Plan.

Mr. Rushing moved to accept the goals statement, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the goals were approved.

Ms. Curtis moved to accept the new Mission Statement, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the statement was approved.

Automation/Systems

The library's new Website has been up since April 7, and seems to be functioning smoothly. There has been very little public comment, and that likely indicates that people are adapting to it easily.

Building and Grounds

The new plantings have been added to the Reading Garden. There was some discussion of the problem of adding furniture to the area. Any furniture would likely need to be installed, rather than just sitting there, to deter theft. But installing it would take up a number of the blocks it is built of, and the Friends Group will be leading a drive to sell engraving of the blocks as a fundraiser. We will continue to seek a solution.

Finance

Mr. Rushing reported that the library is running about \$29,000 under budget for the fiscal year. Although revenues are still a little under the projected amount, we expect late incoming tax revenues to make that up, and we should have a comfortable reserve to get through the first half of the next fiscal year.

Mr. Ruger moved to approve the financial report as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

Mr. Ruger reported that the Policy Committee had read the revised draft of the Meeting Room Fee Policy, and recommended it for approval.

Old Business

Mr. Ruger moved to approve the Meeting Room Fee Policy, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the policy was approved.

New Business

Covered in Advanced Planning report, above.

Adjournment

Ms. Curtis moved to adjourn, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.