



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
May 17, 2017

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, 2017. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Elliot Graf, Andrew Rushing, Justin Hauke, Joan Esserman, Nicole Chaput, Bethany Curtis, Bill Kuc, and Bob Hart. Absent: City Council Liaison Toni Hunt.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the April 19, 2017 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 noted that Missouri's Senator Blunt had been instrumental in making sure that funds for the Institute for Museum & Library Services (IMLS) were restored in this year's Federal budget, and invited trustees to send him notes of support and gratitude.

The Friends are meeting on Friday (May 19) to discuss plans for their annual meeting, which they hope will take place in front of the library and encompass a dedication of the new Reading Garden and an introduction of their engraved paving stones program. Mr. Cooper will keep trustees informed of these plans so they may attend or help with the planning.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee,

Building and Grounds

There was no report from this committee.

Finance

Mr. Rushing noted that with only two months left in this fiscal year we look to be on track to end the year well within budget. Ms. Chaput moved to approve the financial report as presented, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the report was approved.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

There was no report from this committee.

Old Business

Mr. Hauke spoke about last month's meeting with Brian Krippner of UMB, and offered his thoughts on investing the library's reserve fund. After some discussion, Mr. Rushing moved to have Mr. Cooper proceed with finding out about how best to do this; Ms. Chaput seconded, and the motion was approved. Mr. Cooper will report back to the finance committee about what he learns before taking any concrete steps towards investments.

New Business

Mr. Rushing said that the Finance Committee had met prior to the full board meeting and reviewed the draft budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018. They Committee had voted to recommend approval of the budget. Mr. Hauke moved to approve the draft budget, Mr. Rushing seconded, and the budget was approved.

Mr. Cooper noted that he is scheduled to present the new budget in a public hearing at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m.

The trustees discussed the pros and cons of a shared leave policy for the library. Mr. Cooper pointed out that the City of Webster Groves has such a policy and their Human Resources Specialist believes it is a good policy. He also noted, however, that none of the other libraries in the Municipal Library Consortium have such a policy. After some discussion, and finding no opposition to the idea, it was agreed that Mr. Cooper would send the draft policy to the Policy Committee for consideration.

Ms. Marshall put the following names into nomination for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 officers:

Nancy Marshall—President
Bill Kuc—Vice President
Andrew Rushing—Secretary/Treasurer

There will be a vote at the June board meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Hart moved to adjourn, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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