



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
October 17, 2018

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. President Nancy Marshall presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Bethany Curtis, Joan Esserman, Bob Hart, Andrew Rushing, Justin Hauke, Tess Thompson, and City Council Liaison Bud Bellomo. Absent: Trustee Eliot Graf.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

Minutes of the September 19, 2018 Meeting

Ms. Thompson moved to accept the minutes as presented, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Ms. Marshall reminded trustees that they typically 'chip in' to buy a ham for the library staff at its December staff training day.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that he had spoken with the WK Times about an article they were doing on the Bronner family and their donations to the library. He also has met with Officer Greg Perks of the WG Police Department to plan an intruder training workshop at the next library staff training day.

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 reviewed the financial report for September 2018. We are currently about \$800 over budget for FY 18-19. Ms. Esserman moved to accept the report as presented, Mr. Hart 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

Trustees discussed the FY 17-18 Annual Report. Ms. Esserman suggested that, since a large part of the narrative report is a discussion of programming, it would be informative if the report included attendance numbers at programs. Ms. Esserman moved to accept the Annual Report, Mr. Hauke seconded, and the report was approved.

New Business

Mr. Cooper presented the new tax rates for the library, and discussed the process the City uses in arriving at them.

Mr. Bellomo told trustees that the City had approved signing the parking spaces along the west side of the building on Orchard Avenue as two-hour restricted parking during school hours, making them more available to library patrons during weekdays. He also noted that demolition of the old YMCA property across Lockwood Avenue would begin soon, even though a lawsuit against the project is still being litigated.

Adjournment

Mr. Rushing moved to adjourn, Ms. Curtis seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

The next meeting of the Library's Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, November 14 at 7 p.m.