



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
April 17, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17th. President Anita Radcliffe presided, and Library Director Madison Morris kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees, Leanne Waugh, Jenine Harris, Fred Toelle, Ed Scholl, Dana Cooley, Janey Worthington, and City Council Liaison Laura Arnold. Absent: Trustees Sherry Taylor and Angelo Austin.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00

Public Comment

None

Minutes of the March 20, 2024 Meeting

Ms. Worthington moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Toelle seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

None

Librarian's Report

Ms. Morris stated that the April bond payment had just been paid and highlighted upcoming May programs at the Library.

Advanced Planning

Dr. Harris stated that the committee had a meeting right before the board meeting to discuss future planning and direction in conjunction with the strategic plan.

Building and Grounds

Ms. Waugh stated that the Building and Grounds committee met on April 2nd and discussed potential budget items and improvements for the building. She stated that there was discussion about coming up with a multi-year plan for both maintenance and building improvements.

Ms. Waugh reported that the roof is still leaking and there are new roofing issues that have come up in other areas that are being looked at.

Finance

Mr. Scholl reported that we are in the fourth quarter of our budget. He stated that we are spending, on average, \$104,000 a month and we should have enough in our budget for our year end.

He stated that we are still working with the City of Webster groves to get a million dollars into an investment account. The investment account will enable us to be good stewards of our community's tax dollars and allow us to supplement the Library's income as needed with interest.

Overall, he said the budget is in good shape.

Mr. Toelle motioned to pass the financial report. Ms. Worthington seconded, all were in favor, none were opposed and the financial report passed.

Human Resources

None

Policy

None

Friends Report

Ms. Worthington reported that the Friends of the Library Beyond the Page event is Sunday, May 19th at 2:00.

She also reported that the Friends have money that they have set aside to help with future library projects.

City Hall

Mayor Arnold reported that on Tuesday, April 23 from 5-7 at City Hall there will be a meet and greet with the four finalists for Webster Groves Police Chief position.

She also stated that on Tuesday May 1st there will be a “Journey to Destination Webster Groves” meeting, presentation and round table discussions at Webster University and that there will be an open house for water park designs on May 8th at the rec center.

Old Business

2024-2025 Budget

There was discussion about having a budget work session or starting the May meeting early so there is enough time to go through and discuss the budget draft.

Ms. Waugh motioned for the May 15th Board Meeting to start at 6:00p.m. to allot more time for budget discussion. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and the motion passed.

New Business

Ms. Morris asked if the Board would like her to put together budget amendments to vote on for the next board meeting to create a more streamlined 23-24 budget year.

After discussion, Ms. Morris stated she would bring any needed amendments to the May meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn. Dr. Harris seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and the meeting adjourned at 7:31