



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
The Board of Trustees
Webster Groves Public Library
July 21, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Webster Groves Public Library was held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. President Tom Reedy presided and Library Director Tom Cooper kept the minutes. Also present: Trustees Liz Walsh, Bill Kuc, Bob Herdler, Pete Ruger, Stacy Deleste and Christine Krueger, and City Council Liaison Debi Salberg. Absent: Trustees Bently Green, Angela Birke.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Public Agenda

There was no public agenda.

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Ms. Deleste moved to accept the minutes as presented, Ms. Walsh seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

President's Report

Mr. Reedy spoke about the progress of the project so far. We have leased our temporary space at 3232 Brentwood Blvd., and taken possession of a lot of shelving and other fixtures from Kirkwood Public Library's just completed building project. Mr. Ruger moved that we officially acknowledge Kirkwood's consideration; Mr. Reedy seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Reedy talked about the budget presentation to the Webster Groves City Council on July 20th. There were a few questions from the council. Mayor Welch expressed an interest in seeing the budget for the construction project. Mr. Reedy explained that as soon as we have a firm construction estimate and have sold the bonds, we would have a much better budget to present. Those elements should be in place by early August.

Librarian's Report

Mr. Cooper reported that we have a new appraisal of our fine art by Kodner Galleries. The paintings are estimated to be worth \$214,000. Trustees had several questions about this, concerning how the paintings would be secured against theft, how they would be displayed in the new building, and what sort of consideration

had been given to the disposition of any painting that was not to be used in the new building.

He also reported a few recent communications with Mrs. Miller (neighbor to the north) about plans for a fence along our dividing line.

Advanced Planning

There was no report from this committee.

Automation/Systems

There was no report from this committee.

Building and Grounds

There was discussion of the recent offer on the house, and general agreement that it was much too low. No counter-offer will be presented. Karen Smith's contract to represent the house expires July 23.

We intend to engage Margy Beggs of Laura McCarthy realty to represent the house. But we want to make sure first that a party who has been in touch with Ms. Birke is no longer interested in making an offer. If not, we will contact Ms. Beggs by August 1st.

Finance

Mr. Herdler reviewed the financial report and disbursements for June, 2010. Ms. Walsh moved to approve the bills as presented, Mr. Kuc seconded, and the bills were approved.

Mr. Herdler spoke about expenditures from the bond fund. We have several expenses from the past few years whose reimbursement is provided for by a reimbursement resolution, as well as several recent expenses. Once the bonds are sold, we should get a portion of this money refunded to the operating budget, and the rest to the bond retirement account. The bond money will be held in a bank account separate from our operating account while we are paying off the bonds.

It is time to pass the resolution approving the bond sale. Mr. Reedy presented a draft of that resolution, which had been approved by general counsel Mark Weinheimer. Ms. Walsh and Mr. Ruger asked for time to read over the resolution. Its passage was postponed to an anticipated August 4th special meeting of the board, a meeting at which the completed plans for the building should also be ready for approval by the Board of Trustees.

Human Resource

There was no report from this committee.

Policy

Mr. Cooper spoke about the library's gift policy, which places a responsibility on the board to review and approve and gifts of fine art that are offered to the library.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Mr. Reedy reviewed the committee assignments, making no changes at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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