

Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, February 15, 2018

1. Call to order at 7PM by Frank Sosnowski, Board President.  
Present: Frank Sosnowski; Mary Beth Kane, Treasurer; Elizabeth Campion and Eric Walton, Trustees; Kristen Valyi-Hax, Director  
Guests: Ronna Gillis, Suzanne Kent, Mary Ann Fortunate—Library staff members.  
George Cotton, Resident and library patron
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Elizabeth Campion made a motion to approve. Mary Beth Kane seconded. All in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from January 18, 2018. Elizabeth Campion made a motion to approve. Mary Beth Kane seconded. All in favor.
4. Reports:
  - A. Board President's Report: Frank continues his weekly visits and is pleased with what he sees.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Submitted on paper. We have the year-end report from 12/31/2017.
  - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on Paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax verbally reported on recent trouble with the furnace. The Greater Detroit heating and cooling company came. They believe it is an intermittent problem and recommended replacing the humidifier pans. Also a new Teen librarian has been hired and starts work February 27.
5. Guest: Tammy Turgeon, Director of the Suburban Library Cooperative. Rescheduled due to illness.
6. Ongoing Business:
  - A. Strategic Plan. The results of the survey are submitted on paper. Public meetings to discuss the strategic plan begin February 28.
  - B. Patron Request: Kareen Rogan. The correspondence to and from Ms. Rogan is submitted on paper. In the past Ms. Rogan has endangered staff and library patrons. She is currently under a no trespassing order from the Harper Woods Police. It was established that if her children desire library cards accommodations could be made for them. The city manager, Randy Skotarczyk was consulted and he indicated he would support the library board regardless of the decision. Elizabeth Campion made a motion that Ms. Rogan should be permanently banned from the Harper Woods Library. Mary Beth Kane seconded the motion. Kristen Valyi-Hax requested a voice vote.  
Eric Walton votes yes  
Mary Beth Kane votes yes

Frank Sosnowski votes no

Elizabeth Campion votes yes.

7. New Business

- A. Service Acknowledgement of Ronald Kangas: Submitted on paper and sent to Mr. Kangas.
- B. Suggested Policies to Review: Materials Selection, Community Public Relations. The Policy Review Committee agreed to set up a meeting to work on the policies. Frank Sosnowski asked that Kristen Valyi-Hax first request staff input on the policies on the table.
- C. Historical Committee: Community member Mary Kingston sent a letter (submitted on paper) inquiring about revitalizing the Historical Committee. She would like to help the library pursue and preserve the community roots. It is noted that while the library will continue to house the historical collection, the job of showcasing and sharing the collection will fall to the committee. The Board agreed that this is a worthy project and will move forward in the spring.

8. Call to Board: None

9. Public Comment: Three full time staff members of many years attended the meeting. They submitted on paper their concerns regarding wages, and staff retention. It was agreed that board members will attempt to meet with the city treasurer and the city manager to share and emphasize the importance and validity of these concerns.

10. Adjournment: 8:30 PM