

Harper Woods Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 18, 2021

1. Call to Order at 7:03 PM by Frank Sosnowski.
Introductions: President Frank Sosnowski, Harper Woods
Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Harper Woods
Trustee Elizabeth Campion, Harper Woods
Trustee Veronica Salciccioli, Harper Woods.
Director Kristen Valyi-Hax, Harper Woods
Absent: Eric Walton.
2. Approval of Agenda: Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Elizabeth Campion. Voice Vote: Veronica Salciccioli—Aye, Elizabeth Campion—Aye, Mary Beth Kane—Aye, Frank Sosnowski—Aye.
3. Approval of Minutes: Veronica Salciccioli made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mary Beth Kane. Voice Vote: Elizabeth Campion—Aye, Mary Beth Kane—Aye, Veronica Salciccioli—Aye, Frank Sosnowski—Aye.
4. Reports
 - A. President’s Reports: Frank Sosnowski has spoken to Kristen Valyi-Hax regularly and all situations are being handled.
 - B. Treasurers Report: The budget so far is coming along well. Two full time employees have bought back some of their earned sick and vacation time.
 - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on paper. It was noted that Kristen Valyi-Hax is still trying to get a plumber and electrician to come and address current building issues.
It was also noted that there was great turnout (ten attendees) for the first Zoom book club.
5. Old Business
 - A. Fire Alarm: It was installed three weeks ago and is working well. It was giving an alert and beeping annoyingly on February 18. It turned out it needed new batteries as the last battery was placed in October 2017.
 - B. COVID 19 Updates. The library has reopened and patrons are pleased and following appropriate protocol.
6. New Business
 - A. Library Board Committees. There are currently three standing committees for the board: Director’s Evaluation, Budget, and Policy. Veronica Salciccioli was not currently on a committee so she has joined the Budget Committee.

B. Library Board Manuals. The State Library of Michigan has recently updated the Manuals for Library Board Members. Kristen Valyi-Hax will create physical copies of the manual for board members.

7. Call to Board:

- A. Elizabeth Campion mentioned that she had written to Congresswoman Lawrence's office about the proposed \$15 minimum wage increase and the potential impact on city workers and budgets in struggling communities like Harper Woods.
- B. Mary Beth Kane mentioned that John Szymanski said that the city is currently experiencing good financial health. It appears that there is a potential sale of Eastland Shopping Center that may help further.
- C. Veronica Salciccioli asked Kristen Valyi-Hax if she had received a response to her letter to the Wayne County Health Dept. (in packet). She has not.
- D. Mary Beth Kane made members aware that Ernestine Lyons is running for mayor against current mayor, Valerie Kindle.

8. Call to Public: No public present.

9. Adjournment at 7:47 pm by Frank Sosnowski.