

Harper Woods Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, March 16, 2017

1. Call to Order at 7:04 by Frank Sosnowski, Board President.  
Present: Mary Beth Kane, Treasurer; Elizabeth Campion, Trustee; Kristen Valyi-Hax, Director  
Absent: Ron Kangas, Vice President
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Elizabeth Campion motioned to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Mary Beth Kane. All in favor.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 9, 2017. Mary Beth Kane motioned to accept the minutes with two typographical errors corrected. Elizabeth Campion seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Reports
  - A. Board President's Report: Frank Sosnowski visited weekly. During the week Kristen Valyi-Hax was on vacation, Frank authorized calling a plumber to deal with issues regarding a broken toilet in the women's restroom. The president noted that the Neighborhood Improvement Plan Meeting was in session simultaneously with the library board meeting. The library will invite Ty Hinton, the Economic and Community Development Director, to attend our April meeting.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Submitted on paper. Note that the city audit starts in April.
  - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax added an addendum to the Director's Report. President Trump proposed to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) in his FY2018 budget just released, which would effectively end federal funding for libraries of all kinds. Michigan receives about \$5 million a year from IMLS and approximately \$4.5 million is used for the Michigan eLibrary (MeL). The Director suggested crafting a resolution to express the importance of MeL and federal library funds to the community and the state. Resolution included on paper with the minutes.
5. Ongoing Business
  - A. Strategic Planning. Kristen Valyi-Hax has assembled several strategic plans from other libraries. She requests board members read the plans and note what they like and dislike. The board should read these plans in conjunction with the Harper Woods Neighborhood Plan so the end result is cohesive.
6. New Business:
  - A. New Toilets for the First Level. Kristen Valyi-Hax obtained three bids from local plumbers. After comparing and discussing the bids, Mary Beth Kane made a motion to accept the bid from Norm's Plumbing. Elizabeth Campion seconded the motion. All in favor.

7. Call to Board.
  - A. Elizabeth Campion welcomed Eric Walton as a new trustee to the Library Board. Mr. Walton should be approved and sworn in on Monday, March 20.
  - B. Kristen Valyi-Hax shared a painting that had been made and donated by MomTime Signing at Prime Time Reading. The painting will be hung in the youth area.
8. Public Comment. Public chose not to comment
9. Adjournment at 8:02 PM.