

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting,  
Thursday, May 17, 2018**

1. Call to Order at 7:09 PM by Frank Sosnowski,  
Present: Board President, Frank Sosnowski; Trustees, Veronica Salciccioli, Eric Walton. Library Director, Kristen Valyi-Hax,  
Absent: Treasurer, Mary Beth Kane; Trustee, Elizabeth Campion
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Eric Walton moved to accept the agenda. Veronica Salciccioli seconded. All in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from the April 19 meeting: Veronica Salciccioli made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Eric Walton seconded. All in favor.
4. Guest: Ty Hinton, Economic and Community Development Director of Harper Woods.  
Ty Hinton updated us on what is happening with the community. Eastland Mall is still managed by a company in Syracuse, NY and is still in a tax shelter. Until the time period ends for the shelter, no improvements or sales can be made. The mall is the community's biggest tax base and there is a lot of potential. The vision is to make Eastland a village with eating, working, and residences all within an easy walk of each other.  
The city is still working on improving Kelly Road. A study made by University of Michigan students about Kelly Rd. will soon be available. A new restaurant has moved in to where Chili's used to be, and the Harper Woods School District is looking at buying the Eastland Produce to use for the Vocational Tech students. All in all, Ty continues to be hopeful about the future of the city.
5. Reports:
  - A. Frank Sosnowski visits the library each Tuesday evening. Things are hectic, but Kristen is handling them.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: We were not able to get a R&E report this month, but there will be on next month. The library staff were able to begin buying books and other materials.
  - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on paper.
6. Ongoing Business
  - A. Strategic Plan – The Strategic Plan meeting on April 18 had 7 people attend. The meeting for May 2 had only one person show up. Kristen cancelled the meeting after 15 minutes and will reschedule that one.
  - B. Policy Committee Meeting (Public Relations, Materials Selection, Community Room) – Due to scheduling problems, Kristen has not been able to push forward on this. She will have a plan at the June Board meeting.
7. New Business

- A. Election of Board Vice President - Since Ron Kangas resigned, the Vice President position has been vacant. Eric Walton volunteered to fill the role, supported by Frank Sosnowski and Veronica Salciccioli.
  - B. Recognition for School Libraries – Kristen Valyi-Hax prepared a letter to send to Representative Tenisha Yancey, asking for her support for bills HB 5909, HB 5910, and HB 5911 to support librarians in school libraries.
8. Call to Board: Kristen Valyi-Hax gave information that just arose that day about contacting your local senator to ensure that libraries continue to receive all of the penal fines that they are due. Since Harper Woods currently doesn't have a state senator, she recommended contacting Senator Tom Casperson, chair of the Senate Transportation Committee.
  9. Public Comment: None
  10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM by Frank Sosnowski.