

Harper Woods Library Board Meeting
19601 Harper Woods, MI
Thursday, May 16, 2024

1. **Call to Order** by Eric Walton, Board President at 7:04 pm. Present: Vice President, Mary Beth Kane; Trustee, Malika Williams, Bobby D. Lewis; Director Kristen Valyi-Hax.
Absent: Treasurer, Melissa Henry
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda.** Motion to approve by Mary Beth Kane, seconded by Malika Williams. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from April 16 meeting and April 16 Policy Subcommittee meeting by Mary Beth Kane, seconded by Malika Williams. Motion carried.
4. **Presentation: Mara Johnson from the National Kidney Foundation** – Ms. Johnson spoke for about fifteen minutes about the types of educational outreach that the National Kidney Foundation offers. She left some flyers for the library to make available to the patrons.
5. **Reports**
 - A. **President’s report:** Eric talks with Kristen every week. Things continue to move forward.
 - B. **Treasurer’s report:** Submitted on paper.
 - C. **Suburban Library Cooperative Representative Report** – Eric attended the April meeting; there is a new logo being presented soon. Kristen saw it at the May SLC Directors’ meeting.
 - D. **Staff report** – Submitted on paper.
6. **Ongoing Business**
 - A. **Lower Level Update** – The lower level is essentially complete. There will be a soft open on May 22 for the storytime.
 - B. **Teen Area Electric Fixture** – Kristen has ordered new light fixtures for the teen area, and will work with Chris from Safety One Electric to get it installed.
 - C. **Library Speakers Repair** – Kristen Valyi-Hax had trouble finding other electronic companies to respond to requests for quotes. Bobby D. Lewis made a motion to set aside the instruction to get additional quotes for the library speakers and to move forward with Abel Electronics for \$3030, seconded by Malika Williams. Roll call vote: Malika Williams – YES; Eric Walton – YES; Bobby D. Lewis – YES; Mary Beth Kane – YES. Motion carried.
 - D. **Library Board Responsibilities Clarification** – Kristen received a response from the city’s attorney on May 15, so the board agreed to discuss it at the June 20 meeting.
7. **New Business**

There was no new business.

B. – The board discussed the questions that the Budget Subcommittee came up with and clarified them. Kristen will send them to the city attorney and the Interim City Manager.

8. Call to Public – No public attended the meeting.

9. Call to Board – Eric Walton thanked the Board for the opportunity to have Mara Johnson give her presentation.

Mary Beth Kane noted that the National Kidney Foundation would be a good program for Harper Woods' Neighborhood Economic Development Coalition.

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.