

Library Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, June 18

1. Call to Order at 7:01pm by Frank Sosnowski. Present: Board President Frank Sosnowski, Vice President Eric Walton, Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Trustees Elizabeth Campion, Veronica Salciccioli, Library Director Kristen Valyi-Hax.
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Eric Walton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Mary Beth Kane. Voice vote: Frank Sosnowski Aye, Elizabeth Campion, Aye, Eric Walton Aye, Veronica Salciccioli Aye, Mary Beth Kane Aye. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: June 3, 2020: Word choice in 5.A corrected. Elizabeth Campion made a motion to approve the minutes with the noted word change, seconded by Eric Walton. Voice vote: Frank Sosnowski Aye, Elizabeth Campion, Aye, Eric Walton Aye, Veronica Salciccioli Aye, Mary Beth Kane Aye. Motion carried.
4. Reports
 - A. Board President's Report—No report at this time
 - B. Treasurer's Report—No report at this time
 - C. Staff Reports—Director's Report submitted on paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax added that the Friends of the Library have cancelled the fall book sale, and will postpone the Artisan's Market until the spring. The staff has organized an online Summer Reading through Wandoo Reader. It begins on Monday, June 22 and will run six weeks. It has been promoted through Nixle, email, the website, and Facebook.
5. Ongoing Business
 - A. COVID-19 — The staff have returned to work and are following protocols including daily reporting and wearing masks when moving about the building.
6. New Business
 - A. Curbside Pickup — There was a slow roll-out this week but Kristen Valyi-Hax said it is working well and she hopes this can become a long-term option.
 - B. 2020 Computer Purchase — The library would like to purchase five new PCs for the library through SLC Central Purchasing. Eric Walton made a motion to approve this purchase, seconded by Mary Beth Kane. Voice vote: Frank Sosnowski Aye, Elizabeth Campion, Aye, Eric Walton Aye, Veronica Salciccioli Aye, Mary Beth Kane Aye. Motion carried.
 - C. Plexiglas Shields – Kristen Valyi-Hax contacted a company used by other local libraries to create and install Plexiglas shields at the adult and youth reference desks and the circulation desk. The cost of the Plexiglas would be \$1578 with installation cost to be determined. Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve the purchase cost and up to \$500 for installation. Seconded by Veronica Salciccioli. Voice vote: Frank Sosnowski Aye, Elizabeth Campion, Aye, Eric Walton Aye, Veronica Salciccioli Aye, Mary Beth Kane Aye. Motion carried.
 - D. Black Lives Matter Statement: Kristen Valyi-Hax had crafted a draft statement expressing the library support of Black Lives Matter and diversity. Veronica

Salciccioli offered edits and a final version (inserted below) was created. The board further discussed opportunities to expand diversity in library staffing through community service hours and projects teens could do at the library that would show them the importance of libraries and their potential place in them.

“The Harper Woods Public Library stands with libraries all over the country to condemn violence and racism and to express solidarity with black people and all people of color.”

E. July Meeting? – There is currently not a meeting scheduled for July. The schedule will be maintained at this time, but given the necessary flexibility in this year, Kristen Valyi-Hax has the option to request a meeting as needed.

7. Call to Board: Eric Walton has been named to the Eastside Advisory Committee for Detroit Public Television. This committee is tasked with helping Detroit Public Television increase outreach and literacy opportunities on the east side, particularly for children from birth to age eight.

Mary Beth Kane mentioned that recent posts on the HW Facebook pages have garnered some negative comments about use of tax dollars during the shutdown.

Veronica Salciccioli gave well-wishes to Elizabeth Campion for her upcoming surgery and healing. She also wished Eric Walton and Frank Sosnowski a Happy Father’s Day.

8. Public Comment

Suzanne Kent indicated she is available to answer any questions regarding Adult Summer Reading.

9. Adjournment: 8:03 PM by Frank Sosnowski.