

Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, August 17, 2017

1. Call to Order by Frank Sosnowski, Board President  
Present: Ron Kangas, Vice President, Elizabeth Campion, Trustee, and Director Kristen Valyi-Hax.  
Trustee Eric Walton joined the meeting at 7:37 pm.  
Guests: Arlene Kangas and Cayden Walton  
Absent: Mary Beth Kane
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Motion made by Elizabeth Campion, seconded by Ron Kangas. All in favor
3. Approval of Minutes from June 15, 2017. Ron Kangas motioned to approve, Frank Sosnowski seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Reports
  - A. Frank Sosnowski has visited the library weekly. While there have been some difficulties, discussed in other reports, Frank believes Kristen Valyi-Hax has handled things admirably. Frank also shared an article from the Advertiser-Times about the upcoming Story Bike Tour. He suggests contacting the organizer to talk about how the library local history room might open an opportunity for partnership or provide resources. He further wonders if the stories from this tour will be recorded or transcribed.
  - B. Treasurer's Report. Submitted on paper. The current budget shows a significant Tax Adjustment which would severely impact the budget for the remainder of the year. Kristen Valyi-Hax hopes to find out soon if this projected tax adjustment is accurate.
  - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on paper.
5. Ongoing Business
  - A. Strategic Planning. Kristen Valyi-Hax will be setting up committees and meeting schedules for staff, board members, and members of the public to focus on Strategic Planning in September. At this point she would like to create a three year plan rather than five year plan because of the financial uncertainty. The director shared the document 'Topics of Concern' and 'Strategic Planning for Results' which listed potential categories of concern for libraries. Board members took the time to prioritize the categories they feel should be most important to library as part of the strategic planning.
6. New Business
  - A. Harwood Institute: The library has the opportunity to send two to five staff members to Lansing for a 2.5 day Innovators Lab training. The cost would be covered by scholarships and the staff members would receive continuing support and resources from the trainers for 18 months. While the opportunity to learn how to

do more with limited resources is fantastic, there is some concern about the burden placed on a staff already stretched thin. It might be wise to wait a year until resources are more stable.

- B. Suburban Library Cooperative Representative. It is Harper Woods' turn to provide a trustee for the SLC Board by October 26 for a three year term. Some members of the Harper Woods Library Board are considering this position but no decision has been made at this time.
- 7. Call to Board: Ron Kangas recommended the movie Dunkirk. He wishes for the library to purchase the movie when it is available on DVD. Eric Walton concurred with Ron's recommendation.
- 8. Public Comment: Arlene Kangas found the meeting interesting.
- 9. Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM by Frank Sosnowski.