

Harper Woods Public Library Board of Trustees
August 20, 2020

1. Call to Order by Frank Sosnowski at 7:01 PM. Present: President Frank Sosnowski, Vice President Eric Walton, Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Trustees Veronica Saliccioli, Elizabeth Campion; Kristen Valyi-Hax, Director.
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Elizabeth Campion made a motion to approve. Mary Beth Kane seconded. Voice vote conducted: Ayes-- Frank Sosnowski, Mary Beth Kane, Veronica Saliccioli, Elizabeth Campion. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 18, 2020. Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve with typos corrected. Veronica Saliccioli seconded the motion. Voice vote conducted: Ayes-- Frank Sosnowski, Mary Beth Kane, Veronica Saliccioli, Elizabeth Campion, Eric Walton. Motion carried.
4. Reports:
 - A. President's Report: Frank Sosnowski has resumed his weekly visits to the library to check in with staff and the director. He was disappointed that the Children's Summer Reading participation was so low this year. Other board members agreed that these numbers are disappointing and discussed a wide variety of reasons for this decrease, primarily related to the COVID-19 pandemic: the online format, parental exhaustion, lack of promotion time and opportunities, parental safety concerns, etc. However, the Adult Summer Reading Program did very well, and in fact, the participants read more books than ever before!
 - B. Treasurer's Report: On paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax shared that full-time staff members have received a two percent pay increase, with more scheduled for January 2021 and December 31, 2021. She also shared that significant changes and cuts have been made to employee health insurance benefits.
 - C. Staff Reports: On paper. Kristen Valyi-Hax added that curbside pick-up has not been as popular as anticipated but those who use it love it, so it will continue into the autumn.
5. Ongoing Business
 - A. Covid-19. Visits to the library are still down considerably. This may be related to the fact that many people in the community are still limiting their outings. Kristen Valyi-Hax wants to do further publicity to bring people to the library.
6. New Business
 - A. Library Revised Reopening Plan. On paper. Mary Beth Kane moved to accept the revised plan. Eric Walton seconded the motion. Voice vote: Ayes-- Voice vote conducted: Ayes-- Frank Sosnowski, Eric Walton, Mary Beth Kane, Veronica Saliccioli, Elizabeth Campion. Motion carried.
 - B. Hours of Operation. The library typically restores Saturday hours following Labor Day in September. This would not be in accordance with the reduced hours prescribed in the Revised Reopening Plan so Saturday hours are tabled at this time.
 - C. Library Logo: Kristen Valyi-Hax sought examples of a new library logo for publicity from Sir Speedy and she shared them with the board. The board likes aspects of the logos and made suggestions.
7. Call to Board
 - A. Kristen Valyi-Hax asked Eric Walton about the Detroit Public TV commission he

has joined. He said it is a work in progress and they are currently focusing on teens who are educating younger siblings at home while the parents work during the pandemic.

B. Kristen Valyi-Hax shared that she was not selected for the State Redistricting Commission

C. Mary Beth Kane asked why the board is still meeting through phone conference. Kristen Valyi-Hax explained that this is part of the current Executive Orders that limit gatherings to fewer than 10 people and since we must have the potential for the public to attend, the possibility of meeting in person is limited. This is in line with the recommendations made by Library of Michigan Law Specialist, Clare Membiela and attorney, Anne Seurynk.

8. Call to Public—no public

9. Adjourned at 8:10 pm by Frank Sosnowski