

Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
Thursday, August 19, 2021

1. Call to Order 7:15 pm by Frank Sosnowski, Board President. Present: Vice President Eric Walton, Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Trustee, Veronica Salciccioli, Director Kristen Valyi-Hax.  
Absent: Elizabeth Campion
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda. Motion to approve by Mary Beth Kane. Seconded by Veronica Salciccioli. Motion carried.
3. Approval of Minutes: May 20, 2021. Motion to approve with correction by Mary Beth Kane, seconded by Eric Walton. Motion carried.
4. Reports
  - A. Board President's Report. Frank wished a fond farewell to Becca Russell on her last day, and he greeted the new youth librarians. He has seen the lower level and the remediation work done so far. He commended Suzanne Kent for the Zoom Tea Party that replaced the Soiree that is typically done at the end of the adult's Summer Reading Program. He listened to some concerns that the leadership of the Friends of the Library had about the lower level's flooding.
  - B. Treasurer's Report. Submitted on paper. The budget looks on target for the year.
  - C. Staff Reports. Submitted on paper.
5. Ongoing Business
  - A. None
6. New Business
  - A. Guest Pass Fee – The \$2 fee for nonresidents (except residents of Suburban Library Cooperative libraries) was waived in July 2020 when the library re-opened after the COVID-19 shutdown. At the time, the library was only allowing patrons to use the computers for 30 minutes with no renewals. Since this summer, the library has gone back to normal but has not reinstated the Guest Pass Fee. After discussion, the library board agreed with the director's recommendation to have the guest pass fee cost \$1 for 1 hour of usage with no free renewals. Harper Woods residents and SLC member library patrons can still use the computers for 2 hours with renewals if a station is available.
  - B. September – December Hours of Operation – After discussion, the board agreed with the library director's recommendation to keep the library's hours as they have been since the COVID-19 pandemic. The library will continue to be open Mon-Wed (11am – 7pm) and Thurs-Fri (11am – 5pm).

C. SLC Board Representative – The Suburban Library Cooperative sent a letter requesting that Harper Woods send a board member to be a representative on the SLC Board. Eric Walton volunteered for the position.

7. Call to Board

A. Kristen Valyi-Hax passed out an email from John Szymanski asking for support for House Bill 4281 which would amend PA 33 (1951) to allow cities of 25,000 (from 15,000) to levy 20 mills for police and fire. This is absolutely essential for our city to function. Without it, city services would be gravely affected. The board agreed for the library director to write a letter to our state representatives in support of this bill.

8. Public Comment. No public

9. Adjournment. At 9:07 PM by Frank Sosnowski.