

## Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, October 17, 2019

1. Call to Order at 7:07 pm by Frank Sosnowski. Present: Vice President Eric Walton, Treasurer Mary Beth Kane, Trustee Veronica Saliccioli, Library Director Kristen Valyi-Hax.  
Absent:, Elizabeth Campion
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Veronica Saliccioli made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary Beth Kane seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2019. Eric Walton moved to approve seconded by Frank Sosnowski. All in favor.
4. Reports
  - A. Board President's Report: Frank Sosnowski has visited weekly and all is moving along smoothly.
  - B. Treasurer's Report: Submitted on paper.
  - C. Staff Reports: Submitted on paper
5. Ongoing Business
  - A. Kristen Valyi-Hax submitted a list of dates when she plans to meet with the library staff to plan tasks for the Strategic Plan.
  - B. ConnectED/Virtual Library Card. Kristen Valyi-Hax has reached out to the HW superintendent again with no response. Veronica Saliccioli suggested that she reach out to the librarian at RESA as well as the librarian at Beacon Elementary to get enthusiasm going.
6. New Business
  - A. Allowing students to get a guest pass with their School ID. It could be a precursor toward Virtual Library Card. There is a question if those with outstanding fines could have access. Under Virtual Library Card they will be able to log in even if they have a card with fines; however, that violates current library policy. Kristen Valyi-Hax will bring this up at the next staff meeting.
  - B. Macmillan Library eBook Embargo. Beginning November 1, Macmillan Publishers will allow libraries to purchase only one copy of each new ebook title for the first eight weeks after a book's release. From the Information sheet distributed by the American Library Association, "Macmillan believes that every eBook checked out from a library is a lost sale and that eBook lending hurts the bottom line." This embargo would limit libraries' ability to provide access to information for all. It particularly harms library patrons with disabilities or learning issues. The Harper Woods Public Library Board condemns this action and will send join in libraries across the country asking Macmillan to reverse this decision.

7. Call to Board: Frank Sosnowski asked about language for answering difficult situations. Kristen will research this and present options at the next board meeting.
8. Public Comment: No public
9. Adjournment at 8:25 pm by Frank Sosnowski.