

**Harper Woods Library Board Meeting**  
**19601 Harper Woods, MI**  
**Thursday, October 26, 2023**

1. **Call to Order** by Eric Walton, Board President at 7:01 pm. Present: Vice President, Mary Beth Kane; Treasurer, Veronica Salciccioli; Trustees, Malika Williams; Director, Kristen Valyi-Hax.  
Absent: Melissa Henry
2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda.** Motion to approve by Mary Beth Kane and seconded by Veronica Salciccioli. Motion approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes from September 21, 2023 meeting by Veronica Salciccioli and seconded by Malika Williams. Motion approved.
4. **Reports**
  - A. **President's report:** Eric met with Kristen to set up a date for volunteers to help with the lower level.
  - B. **Treasurer's report:** The board reviewed the Revenue and Expenditures report.
  - C. **Suburban Library Cooperative Representative Report** – Eric reported he is going to be the President of the SLC Board starting on this date.
  - D. **Staff report** – Given on paper.
5. **Ongoing Business**
  - A. **Lower Level Update** – The Juvenile Area was opened for the first time today. They are still working on some of the areas. Kristen is going to organize volunteers and staff members to do some cleaning of the Community Room and Heritage Room.
  - B. **Courtesy Cards for Students** – Kristen presented a Student Nonresident Policy for review. Veronica Salciccioli made a motion to approve the Student Nonresident Policy, seconded by Malika Williams. Motion carried. It will go into effect in the near future.
  - C. **2023 Millage** – The Friends of the Library purchased signs for the upcoming millage election. Kristen will take the day off of work to be able to campaign at the various polling sites. Several Board members also volunteered to be at the sites. They will set up a schedule at a later time.
  - D. **Teen Area Electric Fixture** – There is no update on this. Kristen will work on this in the coming months.
  - E. **De-Accession of Non-Harper Woods Artifacts from the Heritage Room** – Kristen Valyi-Hax presented a document called Heritage Room – Scope of Collection. The purpose to lay out what items should be added and what should remain in the Heritage Room, as well as a deaccession and disposition guidelines.

6. **New Business**

None.

7. **Call to Public** – Kathleen Carlson expressed concerns with the status of the lower level and the progress of the work. Joy Marsh, Suzanne Kent, Ronna Gillis, Donna Miller, Jackie Wilborn, and Mary Ann Fortunate also attended to express their concerns as well. They also expressed concerns with how the board and Friends of the Library have worked together in the past. They also expressed concerns about the library no longer being a Green Library.
8. **Call to Board** – Members of the library board apologized for their part in any misunderstandings or difficulties in the relationship. They recommitted to working well with the Friends and the library staff for the betterment of the library and the community.
9. **Adjournment** – Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm