

Harper Woods Library Board of Trustees  
Thursday, November 16, 2017

1. Call to Order at 7:02 PM by Frank Sosnowski, Board President  
Present: Frank Sosnowski, President; Ron Kangas, Vice President; Mary Beth Kane, Treasurer; Elizabeth Campion, Trustee; Eric Walton, Trustee. Kristen Valyi-Hax, Director.
2. Approval of Meeting Agenda: Elizabeth Campion made a motion to approve. Mary Beth Kane seconded the motion. All in favor.
3. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2017. Mary Beth Kane made a motion to approve the agenda. Eric Walton seconded the motion. All in favor.
4. Reports
  - A. Board President's Report. Frank continues his Tuesday visits. All is well.
  - B. Treasurer's Report submitted on paper
  - C. Staff Reports: submitted on paper.
    1. Additionally, Kristen Valyi-Hax updated the board on the mold issue in the story time room closet. It is small and will be remediated by BDS Environmental.
    2. It was noted that the Freegal statistics are missing from the report. They will be added to the record.
5. Ongoing Business
  - A. Strategic Planning: Kristen Valyi-Hax shared a Strategic Planning Timeline that she has created. Some board members expressed concerns about getting enough community response and involvement. That inspired some brain-storming discussion.
  - B. SLC Board Member. Elizabeth Campion is prohibited from participating on the SLC Board since she is employed by an SLC member library. No one else is able to serve.
6. New Business
  - A. 2018 Closed Dates: Submitted on paper. The Christmas and New Year dates were amended by the board. Elizabeth Campion moved to accept the amended dates. Mary Beth Kane seconded the motion. All in favor.
  - B. 2018 Board meeting Schedule. Submitted on paper. The dates were amended to demonstrate that they were for 2018. Elizabeth Campion moved to accept the amended dates. Mary Beth Kane seconded the motion. All in favor.
7. Call to Board
  - A. Ron Kangas asked about the magazine selection at the library. Kristen Valyi-Hax explained that many magazines were cut because they did not circulate well, and it helped reduce the budget to eliminate some of the titles the library ordered.

- B. Mary Beth Kane inquired about the rotating art display that began earlier in the year. Kristen Valyi-Hax replied that it was difficult to find artists and sustain but she does not wish to abandon it.
  - C. Eric Walton inquired about when Harper Woods was at its financial best. It was estimated that the budget was healthiest in the 1980's and 1990's based on contracts negotiated at that time.
- 8. Public Comment: No public present
  - 9. Adjournment: 8:02pm by Frank Sosnowski