

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7550 Lohmeyer Ave.
Maplewood, MO

Feb. 20, 2019

The meeting was preceded by a viewing of the third Short Takes trustee training video at 7pm. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 p.m. Present were

T. Alexander
H. Benz
J. Kremer
E. Loveless
K. Nithya
A. Patiño
S. Shoemaker

Staff present:

T. Donnelly

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

AGENDA ITEM 2
Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Loveless, Kremer) unanimously to approve the minutes of the 1/16/19 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3
Public Comments

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4
Communications

There were no communications.

AGENDA ITEM 5
Treasurer's Report

Donnelly noted that he has reconciled the tax revenue deposits through 12/31/18 and transferred the allotted amounts to the Debt Service account, and the General Fund shows a tax revenue total of \$452,481, which is 86.2% of total anticipated revenue and within the usual pattern of 85% by the middle of the fiscal year. He noted that there is usually a large influx of revenue in May, when protested taxes are typically released, and he expects this to hold true for this year and for the Library to receive its total projected revenue this FY.

M/S/C (Alexander, Kremer) unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report.

AGENDA ITEM 6

Librarian's Report

Donnelly noted that he has met the first of the assessor requirements for an assessment year, that of identifying the contact person at the Library (him) for tax questions. He reported that Children's Librarian, Barb Patten, is out on extended sick leave. He pointed out that the Library now has a Twitter account which will post weekly reports of upcoming programs, etc., and to pass the information on to their friends and family. He stated that he has been researching the Better Together merger proposal and, while it doesn't address library districts directly, it appears to leave untouched property tax-supported entities (such as school districts and park districts), so it probably would not affect library districts. He indicated that the Library has been having some trouble with homeless people and drug addicts in the Library this winter; he had no solutions, but wanted to make the Board aware of the situation in case they get any complaints. Finally, he announced that the program on Thursday, 2/28/19, about former slave Archer Alexander has attracted so much attention that the venue was moved to the City Hall Council Chambers, and he asked that the Board attend the program, if possible.

AGENDA ITEM 7

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports.

AGENDA ITEM 8

Unfinished Business

Policy Review: Government and Organization

After checking the State Standards, it was decided that much of the G&O policy repeated policy information found elsewhere and the rest seemed more like information to the public than a policy. It was moved to remove the G & O section from the policies and add the appropriate parts of it to the About the Library section of the webpage.

M/S/C (Alexander, Kremer) unanimously to remove Government and Organization from the Policies of the Library.

AGENDA ITEM 9

New Business

Committee Appointments

Shoemaker made the following appointments to the Standing and Ad-Hoc committees:

Personnel: Benz, Hansen, Loveless

Policy: Alexander, Durham, Kremer
Community Engagement: Nithya, Patiño, Shoemaker
Fundraising: Community Engagement full committee
Director's Evaluation: Personnel Committee full committee
Salary Revision: Hansen

AGENDA ITEM 10

Motion to hold a Closed Session

A Closed Session was not needed.

AGENDA ITEM 11

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board will be on 3/20/19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

AGENDA ITEM 12

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Kripanidhi Nithya
Secretary

Suzanne Shoemaker
President