MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7550 Lohmeyer Ave.
Maplewood, MO
September 18, 2019
The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Present were

T. Alexander
H. Benz
T. Durham
J-E Hansen
J. Kremer
G. LaRose
E. Loveless
K. Nithya

Staff present:

T. Donnelly

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

AGENDA ITEM 2
Approval of Minutes
M/S/C (Kremer, Benz) unanimously to approve the minutes of the 8/21/19 meeting.
M/S/C (Loveless, Durham) unanimously to approve the minutes of the 9/3/19 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3
Public Comments
There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4
Communications

AGENDA ITEM 5
Treasurer’s Report
The reports for June, July and August were presented. There was discussion of the
$21,000 shortfall in the last fiscal year’s actual expenditures, and ways to avoid this in
the current budget.
M/S/C (Kremer, Loveless) unanimously to approve the reports for June, July and August.

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Librarian’s Report
Donnelly reported on several purchases (2 circulating binocular kits for $270, new laptop
for $497) and repairs (HVAC pumps and bearings for $3425, 4 library wall clocks for
$160), also that all the MRH yearbooks in the Library’s collection have been scanned (at
a cost of $345; the service is no longer free) although not added to the on-line archive yet.
He reported that the Maplewood Lions have set up a display in the foyer offering reading
glasses for use in the Library and also collecting old glasses for their international vision
program.
AGENDA ITEM 7
Committee Reports
There were no committee reports.
AGENDA ITEM 8
Unfinished Business
There was no unfinished business.
AGENDA ITEM 9
New Business
Tax rates for 2019

The rates went down from those reported at the Public Hearing in August, after post-
Board of Equalization adjustments.

Loveless introduced a resolution setting the following rates for 2019:
General Fund
Residential property $0.218
Commercial property $0.282
Personal property $0.302
Debt Service Fund
All classes $0.125

Alexander seconded the resolution; the resolution was passed by common acclaim.

October Meeting Time
The Board agreed by consensus to start the October meeting at 7:45 pm, to allow
Donnelly to make the Library presentation at the Fall Citizen’s Academy.

Committee Assignments
Hansen made appointments to the following standing committees:

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Personnel: Benz, Hansen, Loveless
Policy: Alexander, Durham, Kremer
Community Engagement: Durham, Hansen, LaRose, Nithya
And the following ad-hoc committees:
Fund-Raising: all the members of Community Engagement
Salary Revision: Hansen, Nithya

AGENDA ITEM 10
Motion to hold a Closed Session
M/S/C (Benz, Alexander) unanimously to hold a Closed Session to discuss matters
relating to litigation, legal actions and/or communication from the City Attorney as
provided for in Section 610.021(1)RSMO.
The Board exited Closed Session at 7:50 pm.

AGENDA ITEM 11
Next Meeting Date
The next meeting of the Board will be on 10/16/19, at 7:45 p.m. in the Meeting Room.

AGENDA ITEM 12
Adjournment
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Kripanidhi Nithya Jon-Erik Hansen
Secretary President