

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
7550 Lohmeyer Ave.
Maplewood, MO 63143

Wednesday, August 20, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm. Present via Zoom video conferencing were:

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

Staff present via Zoom video conferencing:

Director, A. Bryant
Adult Services Coordinator, C. Oldham

Others present via Zoom video conferencing:
Managing Director, Stifel Investments, M. Ghafoori

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Approval of minutes

M/S/C (J. Kremer, E. Loveless) unanimously to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Public comments

There were no public comments.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Discussion of bonds

M. Ghafoori, Managing Director at Stifel Investments, attended the meeting to provide the Board with an overview of the Library's current bond information. He also offered an explanation of the different types of bonds and the process of applying for bonds. After his presentation, Board members were able to ask questions regarding current bonds and future bond options. M. Ghafoori shared that monies levied to pay off bonds can only be used to pay off bonds and cannot be used for any other projects. He also noted that bonds are not the Library's only option for financing; loans through banks are also an option.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee headed by J. Kremer nominated the following as Officers for the 2020-2021 term:

President: E. Loveless M/S (J. Kremer, C. Hinderliter)
Vice-President: K. Nithya M/S (G. LaRose, J. Kremer)
Treasurer: H. Benz M/S (K. Nithya, J. Kremer)
Secretary: C. Hinderliter (J. Kremer/T. Alexander)

The nominees were elected by common acclaim.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Setting of regular meeting dates

Meetings will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm, excepting July and December. Meetings will be held on the following dates for the 2020-2021 term:

September 16
October 21
November 19
January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16

Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. The next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will be September 16, 2020. It will be preceded by a public tax hearing.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Librarian's Report

C. Oldham presented a "mixology" program proposal. Response was positive and ideas were shared on expanding the program to a series.

A. Bryant presented the Annual Librarian's Report for 2020. This included a timeline of work done since A. Bryant became Director and various statistics for fiscal year 2019-2020. Three bids were shared and discussed: a roofing bid from Constructors 911, a waterproofing bid from Superior Waterproofing, and a Facility Conditions Assessment bid from Bond Architects. The cost of these bids far exceeds what is available in the Library's budget, so various Board members recommended getting additional bids for Facility Conditions Assessments as this may be the best place to begin. After a City Manager has been appointed, A. Bryant will reach out to set up a meeting between the City, Board, and Library Director to discuss building issues, the lease, and possible other options.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Motion to hold a Closed Session

A Closed Session was not required.

The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm. M/S/C (J-E. Hansen, J. Kremer)

Respectfully submitted by A. Bryant 8/20/2020

Reviewed and approved by K. Nithya, Board Secretary 8/20/2020