

Westland Public Library  
Board of Trustee Minutes  
Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
Library Board Room

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland, Michigan was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan 48185

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by James Higgins

Roll Call MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherri West-Administrative Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara-Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

Motion to add Richard LeBlanc, City Clerk and Lynn Hagmann, secretary of the friends of the Library onto New Business items a & b.

Motion: Gayle Nicholson

Support: Gary Chappell

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion: Approved

3. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items only:

4. Business

a. The Westland City Clerk Richard LeBlanc explained the City of Westland was losing a couple voting precincts due to a school closure in Livonia used by Westland residents. The Westland voting committee is requesting permission to use the Westland Library Community rooms for a polling center. This would involve paid holidays to the Library staff on those days. He will send a letter of request to the board before the next meeting so they can approve the usage of the library.

b. Lynn Hagmann the secretary to the Friends of the Library came to give the Library Board an update on the activity of the group. She announced book sale dates and explained they were going to Jefferson Barnes net week to purge items long held and non-saleable.

c. Approval of minutes of the Meeting, December, 2017

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the December 2017 regular board meeting as submitted.

Motion by: Gary Chappell

Supported by: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion Adopted

d. Approval of Bills from December 2017

Motion to approve bills as submitted.

Motion by: Kathryn Sample

Supported by: Gary Chappell

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion: Approved

e. Update on Director Search

James explained for those in attendance that the board had met with Bradbury Miller and they were working up the job post at this time. Discussion on salary range and agreed to remain at a starting range of \$70,000 to \$90,000.

f. Review budget transfers

A motion to approve a budget transfer proposed by Administrative Manager Sherri West.

Motion: Gary Chappell

Support: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion Approved

5. New Business

6. Director's Report

Sherri West the Administrative Manager shared her written report and updated the board about concerns for the Library's back up battery system, the batteries have begun to fail and are bulging. Ed Rybski the maintenance employee is meeting with an electrician on Friday to discuss replacement cost and etc. The Library board would like the library to look into the possibility and the cost of a backup generator.

7. Citizens Comments in General

8. Board Member Comments

James Higgins wanted to Thank Gayle Nicholson for stepping up and taking charge at the December 2017 Library board meeting.

9. Next meeting topics

- Voting precinct decision
- Change of date for March Library Board Meeting
- Update of Director search
- Friends of the Library

10. Adjournment

RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting at 7:38 P.M.

Motion by: Gary Chappell

Supported by: Gayle Nicholson

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Yes

Gary Chappel- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion Approved