

Westland Public Library
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, April 18, 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, April 18, 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- Present
Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Present
Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- Excused absence
Gary Chappel- Present
Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary- Present

STAFF PRESENT:

Sherri West-Administrative Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara-Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

3. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items only:

4. Business

a. Approval of minutes of the Meeting March 14, 2018

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 regular board meeting as submitted.

Motion by: Gayle Nicholson

Supported by: Gary Chappell

James Higgins-President
Gayle Nicholson-Vice President
Gary Chappel-
Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary

Motion Approved

b. Approval of minutes of the Meeting March 15, 2018

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2018 regular board meeting as submitted.

Motion by: Gary Chappell

Supported by: Gayle Nicholson

James Higgins-President

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President

Gary Chappel-

Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary

Motion Approved

c. Approval of minutes of the Meeting March 28, 2018

RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2018 regular board meeting as submitted.

Motion by: Gary Chappel

Supported by: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President

Gary Chappel-

Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary

Motion Approved

d. Approval of Bills from March 2018

Motion to approve bills as submitted.

Motion by: Gayle Nicholson

Supported by: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President

Gary Chappel-

Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary

Motion Approved

e. Friends of the Library

Lynn Hagman the secretary for the Friends of the Library gave a report of activities the Friends are scheduled for. They are having a May Book sale on Mother's Day weekend. Because they have so many books they are selling everything that weekend for \$.25 cents. Lynn also stated that she appreciated the transparency with the interview process and wished the board to know what a great job Sherri West has done since she has started working with the Friends.

f. Update on Director Search

James shared this is a pretty exciting time and such a unique process in hiring the new director. After narrowing down to the top 4 the staff and Library Board were on the same page. The job has been offered to Ishwar . His credentials and experience give the board assurance they have chosen the right candidate for this position. A press release will be coming out very soon. Gary Chappel shared he is looking forward to the future with the Library. Gayle said it was interesting how the board and the staff came to the same decision. Ishwar is expected to start on June 11, 2018.

g. Discussion on additional considerations regarding the employment of a Library Director

There are three requests from the new director that the board needed to discuss. The following items were discussed and a motion to approve the following:

- a. 1 additional week vacation
- b. Paid membership to the Westland Rotary
- c. 1 Lap top/ipad and cell phone

Motion to approve the above.

Motion: Julie Laliberte

Support: Gayle Nicholson

James Higgins-President

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President

Gary Chappel-

Julie Laliberte- Board Secretary

Motion Approved

5. New Business

6. Director's Report

Administrative Manger read the report as submitted into the board.

7. Citizens Comments in General

8. Board Member Comments

Gayle Nicholson said that she appreciated the input from the library staff on the hiring process.

James Higgins said thank You to the board and staff He wants to look forward not back. Thank you to Sherri West for keeping the Library running.

Gary Chappel said that he was very impressed in Sherri West and the entire staff for the integrity and care that all have for the Library.

9. Next meeting topics

10. Adjournment

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

Motion by: Gary Chappel

Supported by: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President

Gary Chappel-

Julie Laliberte-

Motion approved