

William P. Faust Public Library of Westland
6123 Central City Parkway, Westland, Michigan 48185
Board of Trustee Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
Library Board Room

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- Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President-Present- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer-Present- Yes

Gary Chappell- Present- Yes

Julie Laliberte-Present- Yes

All Trustees present

STAFF PRESENT:

Ishwar Laxminarayan-Director-Yes

Sherri West-Administrative Manager- Yes

Paula Scarlett- Administrative Assistant- Yes

ALSO PRESENT:

Michael McNamara-Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

None

3. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items only:

None

4. Business

- a. RESOLVED, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2018 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 Chappell- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes
Motion Approved

b. Motion to approve bills as submitted.

Motion by: Kathryn Sample

Supported by: Julie Laliberte

James Higgins-President-Yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer Yes

Gary Chappell- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion Approved

c. Friends of the Library

Lynne Hagman from the Friends of the Library gave an update on activities the Friends have been doing this past month. Here are a few highlights:

- Citizen Day at the Westland Farmers & Artisans Market the Friends gave away Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction books.
- Sharon Strebbling from The Grange came to pick up books donated for youth at the DMC-Detroit Medical Center
- The Friends Group approved programming requests totaling \$10,850 for the 2018-2019 Fiscal year. Next book sale starts on September 13, 2018.

The Library Board, the Director and Mike McNamara the attorney all thanked the Friends for giving to the library for food & prizes.

d. Collective Bargaining Agreement

Ishwar stated that the sessions were going well and all parties are acting in a cordial and collaborative environment. Both parties are showing respect for each other and recognizing the past, but embracing the future.

e. Final decision on computer purchase

Library has purchased 30 new computers for staff use. The order did not exceed approved cost of \$27,000. They are expected to be delivered the first week in October.

5. New Business

None

6. Director's Report

The Library Director summarized all reports included in the Library board packet.

- Eloise presentation had over 130 patrons participate.
- 3-D printer open house
- Non-Fiction reading challenge for youth
- Teen Finale had over 50 teens in attendance
- Library made it to the front page of the Market Place
- The Library will be photographed this week for the front page of the Chamber Directory of Westland.
- Laura Koeplin had her baby this week. Mom and baby are reportedly doing well.
- A very nice report on the Library volunteers by Claire Mueller
- The director has met with all the staff and, particularly enjoyed conversations with the pages.
- He encouraged the board to read the positive patron experiences that includes heartwarming stories.
- Open invitation to the Library board to join our staff at the Painting with Bob Ross program on Saturday, September 15th, 2018@ 5:00 P.M.
- There will be a bus tour from the Library visiting 9 historical sites in the City of Westland.

7. Citizens Comments in General

None

8. Board Member Comments

- Gayle said she appreciated the web email she had gotten from the Westland Chamber of Commerce on what the library has to offer business owners.
- Gary went to a story time at Biggby Coffee. He thought it was pretty cool and saw a lot of kids there. It is a great experience.

9. Next meeting topics

- Friends of the Library
- Negotiations update

10. RESOLVED, to adjourn meeting at 7:27P.M.

Motion by: Gary Chappell

Supported by: Kathryn Sample

James Higgins-President- yes

Gayle Nicholson-Vice President- Yes

Kathryn Sample-Treasurer- yes

Gary Chappell- Yes

Julie Laliberte- Yes

Motion Approved