



Western Sullivan Public Library

Approved Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Delaware Free Branch January 8, 2020

Members present: Marge Brown, Kevin McDonough, Amber Novikov, Chris Peacock, Linda Pomes, Pam Reinhardt

Members absent: Evan Eisenberg, Barbara Winfield

Staff Present: Audra Everett

Call to Order

At 5:00 pm, the regular monthly meeting was called to order by President Chris Peacock with the Pledge to the Flag.

Adoption of Agenda

Marge Brown moved and Kevin McDonough seconded, the approval of agenda with the addition of an executive session. Unanimously carried

Public Comment Period

No public comment

Approval of Minutes

Kevin McDonough moved and Heidi Rivera seconded, the approval of December 9 minutes. Unanimously carried.

Financial Report for December

On a motion by Pam Reinhardt, seconded by Amber Novikov, the financial report was unanimously approved.

Payment of Bills for December

Pam Reinhardt moved, Heidi Rivera seconded the payment of bills for December through January 12. Unanimously approved

Directors Report (see attached)

New Business

a. Resolution #9 2019-2020 Whereas, the adoption of the 2020-2021 budget for the Western Sullivan Public Library may require a tax levy increase that exceeds the tax cap imposed by state law as outlined in General Municipal Law Section 3-c adopted in 2011; and Whereas, General Municipal Law Section 3-c expressly permits the library board to override the tax levy limit by a resolution approved by a vote of sixty percent of qualified board members; now therefore be it Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Western Sullivan Public Library voted and approved to exceed the tax levy for 2020-2021 by at least the sixty percent of the Board of Trustees as required by state law on January 13, 2020. Pam



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moved, and Heidi seconded, unanimously carried.

b. The Budget Information Session is April 13, 2020 at 4:30 at Delaware Free Branch.

c. A motion to authorize the library to use the IRS 2020 standard mileage rate of 57.5 cents per mile was made by Marge Brown, seconded by Amber Novikov and unanimously approved.

d. Data collected from the past six months will be evaluated and future recommendations made regarding hours.

e. A motion to approve to begin the planning process for the 2021-2015 Strategic Plan was made by Kevin McDonough, seconded by Amber Novikov and unanimously approved.

f. Entered executive session at 5:27, motion by Pam Reinhardt, seconded by Heidi Rivera, unanimously carried. Exited at 5:42, no action taken

Old Business

Preliminary discussion of budget, no action taken

Essay contest discussed, no action taken

Committee Reports

Building: nothing

Personnel: timeline for evaluations

Donations: about \$2400 in the last two months

Finance: meeting in February

By Laws: nothing

Nominating: nothing

FOL Liaison: \$1200 book sale profits

Executive: nothing

Adjournment

On a motion by Marge Brown, seconded by Heidi Rivera, the meeting was adjourned at 6:09 by a unanimous vote.

Linda Pomes

Secretary