

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees for the University City Public Library for
May 8, 2024

Members present: Cindy Zirwes, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, Kim Deitzler, Mark Barnes, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson.

Members absent: none

City Council Liaison: absent

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kerry Bruce, Cindy Deichmann

The meeting was held in hybrid format. Some board members and staff participated via Zoom, and the meeting was recorded; it is available for viewing on the Library's Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Cindy Zirwes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Aren Ginsberg made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on April 10, 2024 be approved, seconded by Helen Nelling. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:17 pm.

Correspondence – A patron praised reference librarian Kara. Patrick Wall received a number of general comments complimenting the Library's improvements. The frog statue has been very popular.

President's Report – The committee for the grand re-opening celebration is still trying to coordinate dates; the event will be during the Board's summer hiatus. The City's Comprehensive Plan meetings are showing the fascinating ways that the City's boards and commissions interact. The President thanked the four returning Board members: Mark Barnes, Aren Ginsberg, Jerrold Lander, and Kathleen Simpson.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Met May 8; discussed gifts and grants.

Building & Grounds – Met May 8; Raineri still has four outstanding items to complete; Maplewood Plumbing fixed the sinkhole; all Library material must be out of the Trinity building by the end of May.

Long-Range Planning – Met May 1; the committee is still working their way through the Missouri Standards; it has submitted items to the Budget, Building, and Personnel committees.

Personnel & Policy – Met May 7; discussed Long Range Planning and possible benefits for employees, e.g. coffee service. Went into executive session during the meeting.

Closed session – Helen Nelling made a motion to enter closed session, seconded by Joan Greco-Cohen. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none. Motion passed at 5:28 pm.

The meeting re-opened from closed session at 5:46 pm.

Librarian's Report – Aren Ginsberg made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Helen Nelling. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:53 pm.

Discussion Items – *Building*. Installation of new shelving should be finished next week.

Trustee training. Board members watched and discussed a short video, "Board Self-Evaluation," provided by United for Libraries. Patrick Wall & Cindy Zirwes will get the toolkit mentioned in the video and evaluate it.

Election of officers. Officers can serve in the same office twice; all current officers agreed to stand for another term in their positions. All committee chairs agreed to continue serving as chairs: Jerrold Lander for Budget & Finance, Aren Ginsberg for Building & Grounds, Mark Barnes for Long-Range Planning, Helen Nelling for Personnel & Policy. Kathleen Simpson and Mark Barnes are entering their second term serving as board members. Jerrold Lander and Aren Ginsberg are entering their third term serving as board members.

Action Items – *Election of officers*. Helen Nelling read the slate of officers: Cindy Zirwes as President, Aren Ginsberg as Vice President, Jerrold Lander as Treasurer, Kim Deitzler as Secretary. Helen Nelling made a motion to approve that slate, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed by roll call vote at 6:11 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Kathleen Simpson, and Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Old Business – None.

New Business – Lighting and temperature are challenging for the weekly yoga class—adjusting the HVAC zone or adding a box fan will be looked into. Having the Library host a U City Hall of Fame was suggested.

Public comment – None received.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.