

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library for
April 9, 2025

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

Members absent: none

City Council Liaison: not present

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kerry Bruce

The meeting was held in person at 6701 Delmar Boulevard. 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 5:14 pm by Cindy Zirwes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Helen Nelling made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on March 13 be approved, seconded by Aren Ginsberg. Motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence – Several correspondence were presented.

Council Liaison Report – none

President's Report – The Board President requests the members reach out to lawmakers to remind them of the importance of protecting libraries.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Non-binding tax rates have gone because the assessments have gone up. Revised assessments will come out in July. The Friends will present a generous donation before this evening's event. The Missouri House passed HB 903 and has moved on to the Senate. HB 557 is still in committee. IMLS is holding LSTA funds for now – Patrick will provide a detail of the funds we're still expecting (and may not receive.) The committee voted to reinvest this month, after Patrick seeks guidance from the Library's advisor.

Building & Grounds –

Long-Range Planning – postponed to 6pm on 4/23/25, as Patrick and Kerry meet with groups about designing and conducting community surveys, to include UMSL's group and OrangeBoy.

Personnel & Policy – no meeting as members review the results of the employee survey. At the time of this meeting, 26 or 48 had responded, with the survey set to close on 4/13. Helen Nelling reminds the Board of the Director's evaluation.

Librarian's Report – Helen Nelling motions to accept the consent agenda, and Aren Ginsberg seconds. The consent agenda is accepted following a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion Items – None.

Action Items – None.

Old business – Our jazz CD collection is very appreciated.

New business – None.

Public comment – None.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 pm.