

Unapproved Board of Trustee Special Board Meeting Minutes
William P. Faust Public Library of Westland

Thursday, December 10, 2020

A Study Session of the Board of Trustees for the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland was held on Thursday, December 10, 2020, at 7:00 pm by Electronic Zoom

1. Call to Order and Rollcall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by James Higgins

MEMBERS PRESENT:

James Higgins
Gayle Nicholson
Kathryn Sample
Jen Koralewski
Gary Chappell

MEMBER APPROVED ABSENCE:

ALSO PRESENT:

Jennifer Roth, Director
Paula Scarlett, Admin Assistant
Dan Wetterstrom, IT Dept. Head
Shirley Bruursema, Kent District Library
Michael McNamara, Library Attorney

2. Action on Agenda

None

3. Citizens Comments on Agenda Items

none

4. Business

a. Millage Renewal Status

Shirley Bruursema was the guest speaker for the Study Session.

All Department Heads and Board members were provided with a "Campaign Calendar: Library and Advocacy Committee" and the "From Awareness to Funding" brochures by Shirley Bruursema from a Millage Seminar March 2020.

Shirley reviewed asked questions on the brochures from her seminar in March 2020. Key takeaways:

Millage expiration: December 31, 2021

Current millage: .975 down from .99 due to Headlee Act

Suggested millage renewal: .975 for 10 years

Suggested election date: August 2021 – this allows for SRP promotion, Farmer’s Market etc.

Yes Committee to be created – Shirley will meet with committee end of January

- Only 2 Board members can serve on committee

Citizens Comments

Meriem Kadi (President of Friends of the Library) – Thank you for including the Friends in this meeting, and will help in any way possible. She will set up the monies when necessary and given the go-ahead.

Cari Fry (Youth/Teen Dept. Head) – Who will be talking to the schools? Staff members or Committee Members. Shirley indicated it would be Committee Members and possibly one of the Board Members.

5. Board Members Comments

Gary wanted clarification on what employees could say to residents and what they cannot. All employees can advocate for the Library while on Library property. But they cannot say Yes, please vote for the Library. They can only talk about the Library and what we offer. Once the employee has left the Library property, employees can say whatever they want.

Gayle wanted to make sure that Shirley was thank you, and the Library appreciates her help.

6. Next Meeting Topics

Recap the Study Session

Line Item for Building Funds

7. Adjournment

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 pm

Motion by: Kathryn Sample, supported by Jen Koralewski

James Higgins – Aye

Gayle Nicholson – Aye

Gary Chappell – Aye

Kathryn Sample – Aye

Jen Koralewski – Aye

Motion Carried