

BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

5:00 p.m.

Story Room

205 E. Olive Street, Bloomington, IL 61701

Minutes

I. Call to Order

President Koos called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Alex Cardona, Emily Kelahan, Van Miller (arrived at 5:07 p.m.), Susan O'Rourke, Robert Porter, Mike Raikes, Whitney Thomas (arrived at 5:36 p.m.), Julian Westerhout, Carol Koos

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Georgia Bouda, Laura Golaszewski, Deb Halperin, Kathy Jeakins, Caprice Prochnow, Rhonda Massie, Allison Schmid, Carol Torrens, Gayle Tucker, Melissa Waltrip, Jon Whited

III. Introductions

President Koos introduced Deb Halperin and asked staff present to state their name and department.

IV. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

V. New Business

A. Development of the Bloomington Public Library Strategic Plan with Facilitator, Deb Halperin

Deb Halperin introduced herself and shared that the completed surveys indicated that all are interested in the growth of the library.

The first exercise that Deb had the group engage in was to break into five groups and each group was to consider one of the following questions and then share with all.

Group 1 – Pick any other building in town for the Library, where would the address be and why?

Group 2 – If you could have one more bookmobile or other mobile unit, what would be on it and where would it go?

Group 3 – If you could have space for a branch on both the east side and the west side, would these branches look the same or different? How would these two branches function?

Group 4 – If you won twenty million dollars in the library lottery, where would you spend it?

Group 5 - If you could add one more level to this library, what would you put into that new space?

Each group shared their ideas and invited conversation.

Deb distributed a recap of the 18 responses to the survey for discussion.

There was discussion on options for polling the community on what things the Library is doing well, what services they would like to see, etc.

There was discussion that covered a number of topics, such as the length of time the Strategic Plan would cover, the Vision, and Action Plan, how many goals to put in place, and what information does the Board need to set a Strategic Plan.

Discussion on development of the Strategic Plan will continue on Tuesday, September 1.

VI. Adjournment

JULIAN WESTERHOUT MOVED, MIKE RAIKES SECONDED, TO
ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY.

President Koos adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.