

**BOARD OF AGENTS –
SILAS BRONSON LIBRARY MINUTES –
Tuesday, March 21, 2017**

PRESENT: President Decarlo, Vice-President Ogrodnik, Secretary Rossi, Agents Beatty, Cullinan, Ranando, Ryan. Wrenn

ALSO: Heidi Barbieri, Lisa Bartkus

CALL TO ORDER: President Decarlo called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

AGENDA: MMSP (Rossi, Ogrodnik) to approve the agenda as published.

MINUTES: MMSP (Ogrodnik, Cullinan) to approve the February 28, 2016 minutes as published. President Decarlo abstained.

COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

DIRECTOR'S REPORT—part of board packet:

Director Guest asked that a meeting of the Building Projects Committee be set to review details of quotes for proposals.

Museum Passes: It was noted that some of the passes offer entry for free and others for reduced rates. A library card must be presented to “borrow” a pass. Publicity to the school community was proposed. Agent Cullinan noted that the Prosser Library in Bloomfield works very closely with the schools.

Committee Reports:

Finance:

Agent Wrenn reported that the Finance Committee had a meeting on Monday to review the budget for the current fiscal year. Account balances seem to be as projected. It was noted that there is a \$29,000 balance from an insurance payment of \$136,000. The question of what to do with this funding was discussed. The committee agreed that the funding should be used for something permanent. Further, all agreed that the staff lounge and rest room areas need attention. How to move forward was discussed. It is necessary to clarify what can be done with the funding. Agent Cullinan suggested that the City might be willing to do some of the work if the Library purchases new furnishings.

Buildings and Projects:

None

Hall of Fame:

Several aspects of the committee were discussed:

Criteria for nomination

- Nomination process
- Nominations remain active for 5 years. Agent Cullinan stated that she had nominated two individuals less than five years ago and questioned why they were not included on the current list of candidates. The public is allowed to speak on behalf of candidates.

- How is the committee formed?
- Role of the Library Board

Friends of the Library:

None

Other:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Vacancy:

President DeCarlo is still working to fill the vacancy.

The meeting with the Mayor is still on hold.

NEW BUSINESS:

MMSP (Beatty, Ogrodnik) to approve payment of Bronson bills of \$250.83.

ADJOURNMENT: MMSP (Cullinan, Decarlo) to adjourn at 4:41 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday April 18, 2017– 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Joan Rossi, Secretary