

Spies Public Library

Special Board of Trustees Meeting to discuss 2022-23 library budget

Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, 10 AM

Minutes

Present: Jim Anderson

Paul Haupt-absent

Sandy Kuber

Doug Schoen

Jan Shetter-absent

Blair Nelson—library director and minutes taker

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM.

Schoen **made a motion to approve the agenda.** Kuber seconded. Motion carried.

New Business. Nelson noted that the library now has a definitive answer about if the library will get to make use of any of the ARPA funds from the City for the HVACs. That answer is no. During Mayor Stegeman's "State of the City" address at the Feb. 2022 City Council meeting, she reported that ARPA funds are being legally allowed to be used for revenue loss--which the City has this fiscal year. The HVACs for the library will be re-bid for a summer 2022 starting date, with an option to install air purification components. City Council approved of rewarding Superiorland Electronics, Inc. the new fire alarm system for the library. There will be a special committee meeting to discuss the Klar funds going back to the control of the library. City Attorney Mike Celello reported, with **statute** documentation to Botbyl and Nelson that, legally, the library should have control of those funds. The meeting, which Botbyl is organizing, has a date that is TBD. Nelson noted that he wants the Spies Library Board to attend this meeting, and will also reach out to Mayor Stegeman personally for her participation at the meeting.

In other new business, Nelson presented the board with his 2022-23 library budget proposal. Some important items of note. The proposal includes a request for a \$1/hr. raise for all library employees, excluding Nelson. There were questions from board members about what which numbers to enter for Klar dividends and Interest earned, since those numbers fluctuate during the year. **Anderson requested that the Klar estate numbers be updated, since it's no longer \$1,920,572. He also suggested that that number be carried over to the 2022-23 requested budget. The board is wondering if the transfer in will be more than \$100,000 (from the millage) this year?**

Strategic Plan. Looking at two proposals from UP Vision Consulting and MCLS. Exploring other consultants from a list generated by Peter White Public Library. More updates at next regular library board meeting with date TBD.

Under “Future Agenda Items,” Spies Public Library Director Nelson suggested holding monthly library board meetings starting in March or April, because of the upcoming Strategic Plan and the many other things being worked on and planned for the library.

Schoen **made a motion to adjourn the meeting.** Anderson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM