

Meeting minutes of the Board of Trustees of the University City Public Library for
January 8, 2025

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

Members absent: none

City Council Liaison: Stacy Clay

Library staff: Patrick Wall—Director, Kerry Bruce, Cindy Deichmann

The meeting was held in hybrid format. Some board members and staff participated via Zoom, and 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 5:18 pm by Cindy Zirwes, President, followed by roll call.

Minutes – Aren Ginsberg made a motion that the minutes from the meeting on December 11, 2024 be approved, seconded by Jerrold Lander. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 5:19 pm.

Correspondence – Musical group Cherry & Jerry, who performed here on September 4, 2024, sent a thank you ; former board member Dorothy Davis and two other patrons sent holiday greetings.

Council Liaison Report – City is focused on dealing with the big winter storm that just happened; next Council meeting will be focused on deconstructing storm preparation and response. Will have Markets at Olive numbers at the next meeting. New Library Board member will be at February meeting. U City does not track population numbers of unhoused persons so those numbers are not available; County has information but not for U City specifically.

President's Report – Cindy Zirwes wished everyone a happy new year.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance – Second T-bill needs to be renewed by January 14.

Building & Grounds – Bathtubs were delivered before Christmas. Maplewood Plumbing will be handling the basement leak. The boiler control issue that needs repairing should be treated as a warranty issue. The elevator will be shut down beginning January 14 for hydraulics repairs.

Long-Range Planning – Did not meet since last Board meeting.

Personnel & Policy – Did not meet since last Board meeting.

Librarian's Report – Aren Ginsberg made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Joan Greco-Cohen. Motion passed by unanimous roll call vote at 5:31 pm.

The Library is starting to receive tax revenue.

Action Items. *Investment instrument*. Jerrold Lander made a motion to approve repurchase of second T-bill, seconded by Helen Nelling. Motion passed by roll call vote at 5:33 pm. Aye votes: Mark Barnes, Kim Deitzler, Aren Ginsberg, Joan Greco-Cohen, Dennis Hoppe, Jerrold Lander, Helen Nelling, Cindy Zirwes. Nay votes: none.

Old business – Does the entire board need to approve the T-bill purchase every month? No; will do it that way for a couple of months, since it's a new procedure, but after that it will be done as a continuing resolution.

New business – The Board sends condolences to the staff of the Pacific Palisades Library, which was destroyed today in the California wildfires.

Former staff member O'Dell Washington was killed in a car accident.

Plowing the Library parking lot after the snow storm was discussed.

Public comment – None received.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 5:15 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.