

**Spring Lake District Library Board Minutes - Unofficial**  
January 17, 2020

Present: Christine Burns, Mary Eagin, Gordon Gallagher, John Nash, Mark Powers, Peter Sherwood

Absent: Joan Board

Also present: Maggie McKeithan, Library Director.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, John Nash

Motion to approve the agenda made by Chris Burns, and supported by Peter Sherwood. The motion was approved.

Motion by Gordon Gallagher and supported by Chris Burns, to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2019 meeting. The motion was approved.

Motion by Gordon Gallagher and supported by Chris Burns, to accept the financial reports from December 2019 and approve the payment of bills. Motion was approved.

Director's Report - Maggie presented a written report of her work the previous month. Maggie noted that the Strategic Planning consultant is available to the Board Retreat on February 21. A poll of the Board indicated that 2 members are not available that day – Maggie will check with the consultant on other possible dates.

**Old Business:**

**Fund Balance Policy** – Motion by Peter Sherwood and supported by Gordon Gallagher to approve the fund balance policy. A roll call vote was taken: Burns – yes, Eagin – yes, Gallagher – yes, Nash – yes, Powers – yes, Sherwood – yes. The Motion passed, unanimously.

**Millage Committee** – no additional community members have been approached about serving on the committee. It is imperative that this committee be in place soon. John Nash asked Board Members to reach out to community members they have recommended and report back to Maggie by Monday.

Maggie noted that the Friends of the Spring Lake District Library have approved donating \$100 to the millage committee to enable the opening of a checking account for the committee. Maggie noted that Millage Committee generally needs a budget of \$2000 - \$3000.

**Millage** – Motion by Chris Burns and supported by Gordon Gallagher to request a levy of 1 Mil, for 10 years. Discussion was held about the financial information provided by Maggie McKeithan and Mary Eagin. Gordon noted concern about the amount allocated for Capital Spending. A roll call vote was taken: Burns – yes, Eagin – no, Gallagher – yes, Powers – no, Sherwood – no, Nash – no. The Motion failed.

Motion by Mark Powers and supported by Mary Eagin to request a renewal of the current millage at 1.1285 for 10 years, but agree to levy 1 Mil in 2021, and the Capital amounts stipulated in the financial information provided to the Board will be discussed. A roll call vote was taken: Burns – no, Eagin – yes, Gallagher – no, Powers – yes, Sherwood – no, Nash – yes. The Motion failed.

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Motion by Peter Sherwood and supported by Mary Eagin to request a renewal of the current millage at 1.1285 for 10 years. A roll call vote was taken: Burns – no, Eagin – yes, Gallagher – no, Powers – no, Sherwood – yes, Nash – no. The Motion failed.

Motion by Gordon Gallagher and supported by Chris Burns to tentatively set the 2021 Millage Levy at 1 Mil, and the Board will review the Capital Spending plan over the next 6 months. Motion was approved.

Motion by Peter Sherwood and supported by Mary Eagin to request a renewal of the current millage at 1.1285 for 10 years. A roll call vote was taken: Burns – no, Eagin – yes, Gallagher – no, Powers – yes, Sherwood – yes, Nash – yes. The Motion was approved.

### **New Business:**

None

Motion by Mary Eagin and supported by Gordon Gallagher to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Eagin, Secretary