

Brooks Memorial Library Minutes of Strategic Planning Committee, January 18, 2022

- Called to order at 4:48 PM
- Agenda changes or additions – none
- Public Comments – none
- Minutes of December 8, 2021 – approved

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Next Steps in Planning Process

- Survey
- Update on exploring potential of a paid consultant

We discussed how the survey and decision on a consultant are interdependent. Also, we'll want to be sure the survey is in good shape with copy editing, etc., before presenting it to an any consultant we might engage.

Ann and Starr presented a verbal overview of their interviews with consultant candidates.

We discussed anticipated work for compiling survey results, and the more general question of whether we want to use a consultant at all. Some discussion focused on mix-and-match possibilities, where we might engage a consultant for initial steps and see how it develops. We're interested in an à la carte menu of possibilities.

At the end of the day, we need a practical document to help guide staff. At the same time, we want opportunities to be inspired by wider thinking in the library world. Can we write a plan that holds us accountable for agility and ongoing assessment? "Explore, build, develop..." as part of the language of our finished plan. Also, there might be consultants who help us write the plan and others who help us implement it.

Motion to empower subcommittee of Starr, Karen, and Ann to take next steps to enter into an agreement with Greg Hessel, working with a budget of up to \$7500, which must be approved by the full Board at its February 8th meeting before a final agreement is made. Approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Description Update/Change the committee's Name? Tabled to our next meeting.

Adjourned at 6:08.