Bloomington Public Library
Board of Trustees
Planning, Policies, and Programs Committee

Wednesday
December 3, 2014
5:00 p.m.

Quiet Reading Room
Bloomington Public Library

Minutes

I. Call to Order
Emily Kelahan called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. Roll Call

PRESENT:	Brittany Cornell, Cathy Pratt, Emily Kelahan
ABSENT:	Monica Brigham, Whitney Thomas, Narendra Jaggi
OTHERS:	Georgia Bouda, Jared Brown, Kathy Jeakins, Patricia Marton, Susan O'Rourke, Caprice Prochnow

III. Introductions/Public Comment
Emily Kelahan acknowledged resident, Patricia Marton.

IV. Approval of Minutes
A. November 5, 2014
Brittany Cornell moved, Cathy Pratt seconded, to approve the Minutes from the November 5, 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Unfinished Business
A. Update on Purchasing Policy
Susan O'Rourke shared her discussion with Jon Johnston, City of Bloomington Procurement Officer regarding the City's Purchasing Policy and specifically the Fair Trade laws and how that affects an approach to purchasing. She went on to say, that apparently the City of Bloomington is a member of the National Institute for Government Procurement, and this institute advises against a "local first" policy and the City is following this protocol.
There was much discussion as to whether to proceed with a "local first" policy, and it was decided to let the current purchasing practices stand as the Library staff patronizes local businesses when suitable.

VI. New Business
A. Discussion of Retreat and Possible Follow Up Meetings and Topics for Meetings
Emily Kelahan invited those present to share their thoughts on the recent retreat and if the Board should consider having a future retreat(s).

There was much discussion, and there was agreement that future retreats with Deb Halperin would be beneficial. A few topics that they would like to see addressed are: Committee roles and responsibilities, Board member roles and responsibilities, revising the bylaws to reflect the interpretation that is reached on the committee and Board member roles and responsibilities, and revising the Strategic Plan.

Cathy Pratt departed the meeting at 5:42 p.m.

B. Discussion of Revision of the Strategic Plan
Emily Kelahan shared that the Strategic Plan has not been revised in a while, and that perhaps this could be done between now and when the architect is hired (Phase 1 of the expansion project). There was discussion on this and it was suggested that each Trustee could review the current plan for possible future revision.

VII. Comments from Committee Members/Future Agendas
There were no comments or suggestions for future Agendas.

VIII. Adjournment
Emily Kelahan adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.