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A Special Meeting of the Franklin Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2016 by President Michael Karolewicz.

Present were Trustees Karolewicz, Bob Donohoo, Dennis McKnight, Diane Oleson, Steve Patz, Tim Solomon, and Karen Wesener; Library Director Rachel Muchin Young; and Friends of the Franklin Public Library members Judy Roberts, Suzanne Anderson, Dee Baranowski, and Liz Walloch, and Attorney Frederick Klimetz.

Excused: Trustees Tom Loew and Doug Schmidt.

Also Present: Three guests.

Attorney Klimetz read a statement that addressed the pride the Friends have in their many accomplishments since their establishment in 1978. They are also proud of the model of their organization, quite unlike how other Friends groups are organized. He then announced that the Friends of the Franklin Public Library dissolved as of March 13, 2016.

Roberts then read two statements. The first addressed the disbursement of funds generated by the joint fundraising efforts with Quilts of Honor. Total raised was \$8,442.32. A table for the group study room has already been purchased. Checks were given to Trustee Solomon, acting treasurer, totaling \$2,927.08. The Friends also presented Solomon with checks for \$300 to be used for expenses related to a Flag Day program, and for \$11,638.25, the remaining balance due Demco on the Children's Desks and Workspace.

Roberts then read a statement addressing the core relationship between the Friends and the Library, and the disbursement of remaining assets. She suggested that the Friends contribute to the Franklin Public Library Foundation an amount sufficient to purchase 36 movable tables with the caveat that the Board of Trustees rescind the policy that charges for meeting room use for scouts, community groups, and other non-profits.

Roberts then listed items that would be removed, including donated china and the cabinets purchased to store them.

Karolewicz responded that he is disappointed with this turn of events.

Donohoo moved to contact the City Attorney to discuss the consequences of the Friends using any money for purposes other than Franklin Public Library. Wesener seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roberts, Anderson, Baranowski, Walloch, and Attorney Klimetz left the meeting. Oleson moved the recess the meeting. Wesener seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting recessed at 6:41 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 6:45 p.m. Donohoo moved that the following statement be placed on file: The Board of Trustees of the Franklin Public Library hereby recognizes the dissolution of the Friends of the Franklin Public Library as of March 13, 2016. Solomon seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the next steps of the Board of Trustees. It was decided that a press release would be issued to the *FranklinNOW*. Muchin Young will write the release with approval from Karolewicz.

Donohoo moved to adjourn the meeting. Patz seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "R. Muchin Young". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Rachel Muchin Young  
Library Director/Recording Secretary