

Warren-Newport Public Library District

Lake County, Illinois

Board of Trustees

Policy 2022

Endowment Fund

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Reviewed/Revised:

ARTICLE 1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of the Endowment Fund of the Warren-Newport Public Library District (WNPLD) is to provide ongoing financial support for WNPLD, thus enabling WNPLD to enhance services to patrons.

ARTICLE 2. GOAL AND USE OF FUNDS

Section 2.01 Goal

The goal of the Endowment Fund (the Endowment) is to build an asset base that generates earnings that can be used to pay for special projects that would otherwise be difficult or impossible for WNPLD to fund.

Section 2.02 Use of Funds

To increase the asset base, all earnings for at least three (3) years after the Endowment is established will be added to the asset base. Following this initial period, the annual budgeting process will include the Board of Trustee's designating a project or projects to be completely or partially funded by the earnings generated by the Endowment during the previous year. Earnings from multiple years may be allocated to the same project. While the intent is that the earnings be allocated to one or more WNPLD projects each year, if the Board chooses not to fund any projects, the earnings from the previous year will become part of the asset base of the Endowment.

ARTICLE 3. CONTRIBUTIONS AND GIFTS

Section 3.01 Forms of Contributions and Gifts

The Endowment can accept gifts and contributions in the form of cash, insurance proceeds, bonds, stocks, or real estate.

Section 3.02 Stocks and Real Estate

A gift of shares of stock or of real estate will be sold and the proceeds added to the Endowment's asset base. Any dividends received on stock during the time between its donation and its sale and any rent received for real estate during the time between its donation and its sale will become part of the Endowment's asset base.

Section 3.03 Confidential Gifts to the Endowment

At the request of the donor, the nature of the gift and/or the identity of the donor will remain confidential to the extent permitted under relevant local, state, and federal regulations. If no request for confidentiality is made, WNPLD will proudly disclose the identity of its benefactors.

ARTICLE 4. ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

The Board of Trustees approves expenditures from the earnings of and acceptance of restricted donations to the Endowment. Balances in the Endowment will be reported to the Board of Trustees annually. The Endowment will be included in the annual independent audit of WNPLD.
