

COMMITTEE NOTES

Operations Committee Meeting Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees March 31, 2011

The Operations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Thursday, March 31, 2011, at 3:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billie Howard Barnes (Chair)
Rose Marie Bell
Joan Caulfield
Fran Daniel
Jonathan Kemper (ex officio)

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olivia Dorsey
David Mayta

STAFF PRESENT:

Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Claudia Baker, Director of Development
Dorothy Elliott, Deputy Executive Director for Branch and
Outreach Services
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

Howard Barnes called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

C. Kemper summarized the Library's major partnerships and their importance to the Library's ability to provide materials, programs and services to patrons. He commented that categorizing partners and structuring formal agreements can be difficult since each partnership has its own trajectory and often requires a flexible relationship.

Discussing partnership policy the Committee focused on the definition of a partner, the level of structure placed on partnerships, and the role of the Board in the oversight of partnerships. At the conclusion of the discussion the Committee agreed that the current Program Sponsorship Policies are sufficient and no recommendation would be made to the full Board regarding changes to the policy.

Caulfield left the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

J. Kemper recommended that Library staff create and maintain a registry of partners and that the Chief Executive report to the Board annually on the status of partnerships.

The meeting concluded at 4:25 p.m.

Billie Howard Barnes, Chair
Operations Committee

Date