

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – July 21, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Claudia Oñate Greim
Leon Dixon
Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell
Marilou Joyner
Kathryn Mallinson

MEMBERS ABSENT: Olivia Dorsey

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Teresa Bolton, Assistant Director / Customer Services Manager
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager
Liesl Christman, Digital Content Specialist
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth and Family Engagement
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Kristin Nelson, Director of Development
Ritchie Momon, Director of Branch Operations & Event Space Management
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Collection Development Manager
Mary Olive Thompson, Director of Library Outreach & Community Engagement
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Steve Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt
Diane Marty

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Motion by Oñate Greim to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2015 Finance and Audit Committee meeting, June 16, 2015 regular Board meeting, and June 18 Executive Committee meeting. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.

(Note: As a matter of Board convention, the Chair votes only when his/her vote would affect the outcome of the vote. In all "recorded" votes, the vote of the Chair appears only when it has actually been cast and when it has had an effect on the disposition of the motion. Notations of "approved unanimously" mean all members, other than the Chair, voting affirmatively.)

Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. The following items were approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the following expenditures for June 2015: Payroll (06/25/15 net cash \$218,786 plus taxes \$88,055) and (07/09/15 net cash \$215,153 plus taxes \$85,713), total amount of \$607,707; General Expense Payments including Checks (#164823-165064), in the amount of \$807,624. (LBM 4033)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for June 2015. (LBM 4034)

Bell arrived at 4:40 p.m.

Discussing the contract with Cengage Learning, Inc., C. Kemper discussed the impact to students who can earn their high school diploma through on-line courses instead of a GED diploma. This is a unique offering in our community, supported by tutors working with the Kansas City School District. (LBM 4035)

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive for authorization to contract with Cengage Learning, Inc. ("Cengage") for a user license to Career Online High School, and to make payment to Mid-Continent Public Library ("Mid-Continent") as the fiscal agent for an annual amount not to exceed \$17,458.34. Second by Joyner. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4035)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with BiblioCommons to develop a unified online catalog system with other regional libraries at an initial cost of \$53,000. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4036)

Motion by Joyner to approve the recommendation of the Library Director to authorize the distribution of \$275,000 from the Ewing Kauffman Book Fund (a component fund of the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation) for the purchase of recommended materials. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4037)

Marty and Nelson gave a Development Plan presentation. Highlights include:

Fundraising will generate \$1.8 million in gift commitments through these strategies:

- Annual Giving
- Major Giving
- Planned Giving

This plan will be used to:

- Maintain proactive approach to fundraising
- Establish the priority operations, programs, services, collection development & programming elements that will not occur without private funding sources
- To better engage donors and prospective donors in understanding the impact of library services in our community


C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 4038)

Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.



Secretary



Date