

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – December 16, 2014

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 4:30 p.m. at the Trails West Branch, 11401 East 23rd Street, Independence, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Billie Howard Barnes
Marilou Joyner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Olivia Dorsey
Kathryn Mallinson
Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Teresa Bolton, Assistant Director / Customer Services Manager
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Library
Communication
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Stephens, Trails West Branch Manager
Kaite Stover, Director of Readers' Services
Steven Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

Motion by Bell to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2014 regular Board meeting. Second by Dixon. 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.)

C. Kemper introduced Joyner, who was appointed to the Board of Trustees in November, and Stephens, Trails West Branch Manager.

Discussing the financials C. Kemper reported that the Governor may release some funding to larger libraries by the end of the year. He added that the Library did receive about \$25,000 from the Athletes and Entertainers Fund.

Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Howard Barnes. 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 November 2014: Payroll (11/26/14 net cash \$213,154 plus taxes \$84,466) and (12/11/14 net cash \$214,011 plus taxes \$85,318), total amount of \$596,949; General Expense Payments including Checks (#163089-163302), in the amount of \$604,618. (LBM 3976)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for November 2014. (LBM 3977)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with RTH MilliCare (“MilliCare”) to provide carpet cleaning services for all Library locations at an annual estimated cost not to exceed \$41,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3978)

Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to extend the contract with Cindy’s Functional Fitness, LLC (“Cindy’s Functional Fitness”) for health coach services for an annual amount not to exceed \$18,000. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3979)

Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Conference Technologies, Inc. for the purchase and installation of audio-visual equipment for the Southeast and Waldo branch meeting rooms at an amount not to exceed \$48,000. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3980)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Cynthia Ayres & Company, Inc. for the purchase and installation of vinyl flooring in the Gabriella Polony & Rocky Mountain Gallery at the Library’s Central Library location for an amount not to exceed \$16,500. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3981)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to finalize a contract with Wachter, Inc. for the purchase and installation of track lighting in the Gabriella Polony & Rocky Mountain Gallery at the Library’s Central Library location for an amount not to exceed \$39,800. Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3982)

Discussing the Proposed Board Calendar C. Kemper commented that the proposed calendar and topics are presented for Trustee review. (LBM 3983) The calendar will be placed on the January agenda for affirmation by the Board.

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 3984) He reported that the Library was awarded a grant from FINRA and the ALA of up to \$100,000 to support financial education. The Library also expects to receive a future endowment gift from Kansas author Robert Day and his wife. Day wrote the cult classic novel *The Last Cattle Drive*. The intention of the endowment would be to establish a lecture series and fund

small scholarships through local universities to young writers. The endowment could also be used to publish some work from younger local authors, though additional fundraising would likely be required to support such a program.

Discussing the Black Archives of Mid-America C. Kemper reported that Glenn North has joined the Black Archives as a programming and education consultant. Kositany-Buckner reported that the Library and the Archives have partnered with UMKC's Black Studies Program on an African American Book to Film Series that will run throughout the month of February.

C. Kemper updated the Board regarding recent TIF and Tax Abatement issues.

Stephens gave a presentation to the Board on the Trails West Branch.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

After the meeting adjourned Stephens led Trustees on a tour of the Trails West Branch.

Secretary

Date