

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – January 17, 2012**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President  
David Mayta  
Fran Daniel  
Leon Dixon  
Olivia Dorsey  
Billie Howard Barnes  
Claudia Oñate Greim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rose Marie Bell  
Joan Caulfield

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Terry Anderson, Director of Collection Management  
Claudia Baker, Director of Development  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology  
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director  
Dorothy Elliott, Plaza Branch Director  
Jordan Fields, Digital Project Manager  
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and  
Communication  
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager  
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections  
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer  
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

J. Kemper turned over chairmanship of the meeting to the Chief Executive for the election of officers. C. Kemper asked for nominations. **Motion by Dorsey to elect the following slate of officers: Claudia Oñate Greim, Secretary/Treasurer; David Mayta, Vice-President; Jonathan Kemper, President. Second by Dixon.** C. Kemper asked if there were any other names for consideration. There were none. **Motion by Daniel to close the nominations. Second by Howard Barnes. The motion to elect the slate of officers as nominated by Dorsey was approved unanimously.** The Chief Executive returned the chairmanship of the meeting to the President.

C. Kemper discussed the Board Calendar for calendar year 2012. (LBM 3719)

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2011 regular Board meeting. Second by Mayta. 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 Daniel to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Mayta. 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 December 2011: Payroll (12/15/11 net cash \$216,746 plus taxes \$79,301) and (12/29/11 net cash \$258,187 plus taxes \$117,909) and (01/12/12 net cash \$204,998 plus taxes \$74,957), total amount of \$952,098; General Expense Payments including Checks (#153265-153570), in the amount of \$1,289,196. (LBM 3720)**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for December 2011. (LBM 3721)**

**Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to ratify the purchase of a commemorative plate from Irma Starr at a cost of \$10,000. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3722)**

**Motion by Daniel to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with ABM Janitorial Services to provide janitorial services for the Central library and the Administrative Annex at an annual estimated cost not to exceed \$219,000, and with Woodley Building Maintenance to provide janitorial services for the Plaza library and seven other branches at an annual estimated cost not to exceed \$175,000. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously. (LBM 3723)**

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3724) He reported that the Black Archives was awarded a Missouri Humanities Council grant for \$8,000 for a teacher's institute program. C. Kemper also reported that Senator Dempsey from St. Charles has proposed legislation that would cap TIF going forward, which may result in some movement on TIF legislation at the state level.

Fortunato discussed past and upcoming programming events at the Library.

J. Kemper suggested that the Library look into producing a short monograph on Lucile H. Bluford. C. Kemper added that the Library plans to look at collaborating with UMKC or KU to develop and produce panels about notable individuals from the Kansas City area, similar to the panels that were part of the *America I Am* exhibit at Union Station.

C. Kemper and Siragusa discussed the Library's special funds with the Board.

J. Kemper requested that the Library send a letter to David R. Spivey on behalf of the Board of Trustees thanking him for his donation of rare Kansas territorial documents to the Missouri Valley Special Collections department.

The Board discussed proposed topics for upcoming community discourse programs. J. Kemper recommended that the Library survey patrons about topics that they would like to see programs on. C. Kemper stated that the Library will share the current working list of topics with the Board at an upcoming meeting.

**Motion by Dorsey to convene a closed session under 610.021(3) RSMo to discuss personnel issues. Second by Daniel. Approved unanimously.**

The Board was in closed session from 5:23 p.m. until 5:37 p.m. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date