

## MINUTES

### **Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – February 19, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, February 19, 2013 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  
Rose Marie Bell  
Leon Dixon  
Billie Howard Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Olivia Dorsey

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive  
Claudia Baker, Director of Development  
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager  
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology  
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director  
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services  
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and  
Communication  
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager  
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services  
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources  
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director  
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager  
Jamie Mayo, Central Youth Services Manager  
Ritchie Momon, Plaza Branch Manager  
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections  
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer  
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer  
Kaite Stover, Director of Reader's Services  
Mary Thompson, Outreach Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt  
Lorraine Strader

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

**Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013 regular Board meeting. Second by Bell. 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.)

Discussing the Financial Report C. Kemper reported that revenue budgeted from the Financial Institution Tax has not come through yet. The Library is monitoring revenue and expenses closely and will continue to update the Board. (LBM 3819)

**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 January 2013: Payroll (01/24/13 net cash \$207,116 plus taxes \$84,360) and (02/07/13 net cash \$213,261 plus taxes \$87,181), total amount of \$591,918; General Expense Payments including Checks (#157144-157471), in the amount of \$826,986.** (LBM 3818)

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for January 2013.** (LBM 3819)

**Motion by Dixon to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to adopt the attached Budget Calendar for Fiscal Year 2013–2014. Second by Mayta. Approved unanimously.** (LBM 3820)

Discussing the contracts for staff training in digital storytelling C. Kemper reported that funds for both projects would come from the Target Local History Grant. (LBM 3821 and LBM 3822) Mayo and Faris gave the Board an overview of the current goals and status of the Target Local History program and described how digital storytelling would be incorporated as part of the next phase of the ongoing program.

The Board expressed interest in scheduling a Lunch and Learn meeting in the coming months for a more in-depth presentation on the Target Local History Program. C. Kemper added that staff can notify Trustees of scheduled History Tours to give them the option of attending.

J. Kemper recommended that the two agenda items regarding storytelling be considered and voted on together.

**Motion by Bell to approve the following items from the Action Agenda: LBM 3821 and LBM 3822. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously.**

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with the Center for Digital Storytelling to train staff on digital storytelling creation and facilitation for an amount not to exceed \$37,100.** (LBM 3821)

**Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to contract with Sherry and Bobby Norfolk to train staff, Kansas City, Missouri School District teachers, students, and History Day teachers on how to engage students in research through storytelling, for an amount not to exceed \$12,500.** (LBM 3822)

Momon gave a brief presentation to the Board on the Plaza Branch Library. Highlights included the following:

- The new chairs, approved for purchase at the September 2012 Board meeting, have had a noticeably positive impact for both patrons and staff.
- Dedicated business computers have made it easier for patrons working on tasks related to job applications, resumes, taxes, and business plans to have larger uninterrupted blocks of time to work.
- Kiosk pay-stations have facilitated the process of adding money to library cards for printing and copying.
- Staff solicited input from teens regarding book clubs and implemented changes to the structure and timing of the meetings to make it easier for teens to participate.
- Evening story-times were reintroduced in February and have been very successful.
- One of the largest challenges at the Plaza Branch is an insufficient number of study rooms (dedicated space for small groups of 1-4 people) to meet the demand.

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3823) He reported that Fran Daniel resigned from the Board of Trustees. He also reported that Naphtali Faris was hired as the Early Literacy Specialist for the Building a Community of Readers program.

**Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Secretary

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