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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – March 20, 2018

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Claudia Oñate Greim
Marilou Joyner
Billie Howard Barnes
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Laura Dominik
Olivia Dorsey
Susie Kenney

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Teresa Bolton, Manager of Central Library Operations
Carrie Coogan, Deputy Director for Public Affairs and Community Engagement
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Crystal Faris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Kristin Nelson, Development Director
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief Financial Officer
Debbie Stoppello, Director of Library Collections
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Heather Zoellner, Executive Assistant / Manager of Executive Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Howard Barnes to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 regular Board meeting. Second by Dorsey. 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 Dominik to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Joyner. 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 February 2018: Payroll (02/15/18 net cash $277,733 plus taxes $94,876) and (3/1/18 net cash $227,712 plus taxes $83,483), total amount of $683,804; General Expense Payments including Checks (#173195-173410), in the amount of $748,381. (LBM 4261)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for February 2018. (LBM 4262)

Bell and Oñate Greim arrived 4:43 p.m.

Siragusa explained this is a non-reassessment tax year and last year’s assessment values were used to project the non-binding tax levy. Jackson County will provide new preliminary numbers in June, which will be used in the Library’s preliminary operating budget, and final numbers will be received prior to setting the ad valorem tax rate in September. Based on the current projections, C. Kemper stated that the estimated nonbinding tax levy would be set at 0.4720.

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to designate the Chief Executive to informally project the Library’s nonbinding tax levy for tax year 2018 pursuant to the provisions of 137.243(1) RSMo (2010). Second by Bell. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4263)

Motion by Dominik to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to name the Southeast Library media space the “Goppert Media Center”. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4264)

Bolton and Stoppello gave a presentation on the Central Library and Collection. A Central Library past and present comparison of photos, number of visits, material circulation and types was shared. Central Library staff aspire to continue to serve patrons and adapt to the evolving neighborhood surrounding the Library.

C. Kemper provided a Director’s Report to the Board. (LBM 4265)

Motion by Dorsey to move into closed session at 5:52 p.m. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved unanimously. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Secretary                                      Date