

MINUTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – September 24, 2013

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey

MEMBERS ABSENT: Billie Howard Barnes
Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Claudia Baker, Director of Development
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Crystal Faris, Director of Teen Services
Naphtali Faris, Early Literacy Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and
Communication
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Jamie Mayo, Central Youth Services Manager
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Bob Pedersen, Senior Human Resources Generalist
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Director of Readers' Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt

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

J. Kemper opened the public hearing for the 2013 property tax rate and the final 2013 – 2014 budget and asked for questions and comments. There was no response from the public and J. Kemper closed the public hearing.

C. Faris reported to the Board on outcomes from the 2013 Summer Reading Program. Participation in the program was strong with a children's completion rate of 68% and total youth participation of 31,503 (25,408 children and 5,930 teens). Last year's total participation was 27,021. The Board discussed trends in circulation during the summer months of children's and teen's materials.

Bell arrived at 4:34 p.m.

Motion by Bell to approve the minutes of the August 27, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting and the August 27, 2013 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.)

Mayta reported on the September 24, 2013 Finance and Audit Committee meeting. He stated that the Committee had voted to recommend to the Board that it adopt the proposed ad valorem property tax rate and the Library's revised 2013 – 2014 operating budget, presented for the Board's consideration in LBM 3873 and LBM 3874, respectively.

To allow Public Affairs staff to depart for the event at Plaza Branch, J. Kemper requested that the Board discuss and vote on LBM 3873 and LBM 3874 and that Stover give her presentation on the Big Read Program prior to the Consent Agenda Items.

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to fix the Library's 2013 ad valorem tax rate at 50.00 cents per \$100 assessed valuation pursuant to the provisions of 67.110 RSMo. (NOTE: As this action was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, no second was needed.) Approved unanimously. (LBM 3873)

Motion by Mayta to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive and the Finance and Audit Committee to adopt a 2013-2014 Library Operating Budget General Fund of \$19,136,809, Building Corporation – Debt Service Fund Budget of \$2,725,493, and approve changes in fund transfers as noted on the attached schedules. (NOTE: As this action was recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee, no second was needed.) Approved unanimously. (LBM 3874)

Stover gave a presentation to the Board on the status of the Big Read Program. *True Grit* by Charles Portis was selected for this year's book. Highlights include the following:

- 15 book groups sponsored by the Library (more than double the number for Tom Sawyer in 2011)
- 10 community book groups (double the number for Tom Sawyer)
- 20 business are participating in the Big Read Corporate Edition, with 405 individual participants
- 5 schools are signed up to participate, including Northeast High School as the first high school to participate in a Library Big Read program and the Olathe Juvenile Detention Center, with 70 residents (ranging from grades 7-12) participating
- Topics of discussion in book groups have included: leadership, justice, revenge, retribution, grit, and chaos vs. civilization.
- 11 film showings (both the John Wayne and Cohen Brothers versions)
- Inaugural Little Big Read program with *True Grit* themed story times, dial-a-story stories, and an Out Loud Teen Theatre performance for Family Fun Night
- Promotional efforts include a regular *True Grit* presence on Facebook, Twitter, and Goodreads
- True Grit Grub program with the Rieger and Farmhouse – customers who order from the special True Grit Grub menu will get a token that they can bring to any of our library locations for a free copy of *True Grit* and materials about the Big Read
- An original exhibit entitled *What True Grit Might Have Looked Like* with 1890s photographs by Francis Marion Steele and a display of related items to give patrons a feel for world the novel is set in

Motion by Mayta to approve the Consent Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dorsey. 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 August 2013: Payroll (08/22/13 net cash \$225,296 plus taxes \$89,913) and (09/05/13 net cash \$232,948 plus taxes \$103,862), total amount of \$652,019; General Expense Payments including Checks (#159139-159425), in the amount of \$1,114,399. (LBM 3870)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for August 2013. (LBM 3871)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the renewal of the contract with ADP, Inc. (ADP) to provide finance and human resources services and software solutions, at a cost not to exceed \$55,000 annually. (LBM 3872)

C. Kemper discussed the Director's Report with the Board. (LBM 3875) The Library is in conversation with the Mid-Continent Public Library about holding a meeting at the Midwest Genealogy Center that would include a joint meeting with Mid-Continent's board. October 29th is the date currently under consideration and the Board will be updated once the details have been worked out.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Secretary

Date