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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting – May 22, 2012

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: David Mayta
Claudia Oñate Greim
Rose Marie Bell
Joan Caulfield
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Fran Daniel

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Terry Anderson, Director of Collection Management
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Michael Bollinger, Director of Information Technology
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services
Pam Kannady, Director of Human Resources
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Glory Olson, Director of Executive Services
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Director of Readers’ Services

OTHERS PRESENT: Doretha Williams

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

Motion by Dorsey to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2012 regular Board meeting. Second by Oñate Greim. 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.)

Bell arrived at 4:36 p.m.

Discussing the financial reports C. Kemper reported that it still is likely that tax revenue will fall short of the budgeted amount (mostly due to tax protests) but that the Library is
ahead on the expense side. The Library expects to end the fiscal year with a close to balanced budget even with spending the capital budget.

**Motion by Dorsey 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 April 2012:** Payroll (04/19/12 net cash $221,177 plus taxes $80,671) and (05/03/12 net cash $216,373 plus taxes $81,805), total amount of $600,026; General Expense Payments including Checks (#154396-154707), in the amount of $872,970. (LBM 3750)

- **Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for April 2012.** (LBM 3751)

**Motion by Dorsey to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize travel for Rose Marie Bell and Billie Howard Barnes to attend the American Library Association (ALA) Annual conference, held from June 21, 2012 to June 26, 2012, in Anaheim, California in an amount not to exceed $4,400 in accordance with Library Board Policies 031 and 032. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously.** (LBM 3752)

**Motion by Bell to approve the recommendation of the Chief Executive to authorize the contract for and/or make payment for capital expenditures as listed in the summary, at a cost not to exceed $185,000. Second by Oñate Greim. Approved unanimously.** (LBM 3753)

Williams gave a presentation to the Board on the status of the Grand Opening of the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. She described the exhibit *My Eyes No Longer Blind* and shared details of the events scheduled during the week-long celebration of the opening of the Black Archives. The events are being promoted on the redesigned Black Archives website, by word-of-mouth to community organizations, and through invitations. Williams reported that the direct mailing of the Black Archives promotional booklet has generated donations from several organizations and numerous individuals from the community. She also shared information about the Black Archives strategic plan and the Alvin Ailey exhibit, which is scheduled to open in late fall.

The Board recognized Jerry Houchins and the Public Affairs Staff for their work and support behind the scenes of the Black Archives.

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 3754)

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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Secretary                        Date