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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting – October 29, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Plaza Branch, 4801 Main, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
David Mayta
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Billie Howard Barnes
Marilou Joyner

MEMBERS ABSENT: Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Reed Beebe, Purchasing Manager
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager
Liesl Christman, Digital Content Specialist
Elysha Cloyd, Plaza Branch Manager
Carrie Coogan, Director of Public Affairs & Community of Readers
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director of Strategic Initiatives
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Crystal Farris, Director of Youth & Family Engagement
Kathleen Hinton, Finance Manager
Jerry Houchins, Operations Manager
Joel Jones, Deputy Director Library Services
David LaCrone, Digital Branch Manager
Elena McVicar, Youth Services Librarian
April Roy, L.H. Bluford Branch Manager
Eli Paul, Special Collections Manager
Diana Platt, Librarian
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief Financial Officer
Kaite Stover, Director of Reader's Services
Karen Weitzel, Director of Human Resources
Steve Woolfolk, Assistant Director of Public Affairs

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Platt
Madelyn Walter
Mike Foley

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

Motion by Mayta to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 regular Board meeting and September 22, 2015 Building Oversight Committee meeting. Second by Howard Barnes. 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.)

Kositany-Buckner provided a report for the October 16, 2015 Ad Hoc Committee on the Black Archives of Mid-America, Inc. meeting.

Motion by Bell 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 September 2015: Payroll (09/17/15 net cash \$220,593 plus taxes \$88,770) and (10/01/15 net cash \$213,735 plus taxes \$85,364), total amount of \$608,462; General Expense Payments including Checks (#165673-165916), in the amount of \$1,128,715. (LBM 4063)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to accept the attached financial reports for September 2015. (LBM 4064)

Dorsey arrived 4:35 p.m.

Motion by Mayta to move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to ratify an increase in the contract amount to purchase and install a glass wall from Encompas for the Central Library's technology center for a new total amount not to exceed \$17,140. Second by Dixon. Approved Unanimously. (LBM 4065)

Motion by Joyner to move approval to contract with Henry Industries, Inc. for Courier Services for the Library's Books to Go Program. Second by Howard Barnes. Approved Unanimously. (LBM 4066)

Discussing the renewal of contracts for employee health and dental insurance C. Kemper introduced Mike Foley of Foley Insurance Solutions who summarized the contract terms for the Board.

Motion by Joyner to approve the following Action Agenda items before the Board. Second by Dorsey. Approved unanimously. (LBM 4067, LBM 4068, LBM 4069)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to renew the contract with Assurant for dental insurance at a total cost of approximately \$77,900 for plan year January 1, 2016–December 31, 2016. (LBM 4067)

Move approval of the Chief Executive to renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City for employee health insurance at a total cost of approximately \$1,120,700 for plan year January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016. (LBM 4068)

Move approval of the recommendation of the Chief Executive to award the contract to US Able for Life and Disability insurance at a total cost of approximately \$39,170 for plan year January 1, 2016–December 31, 2016. (LBM 4069)

Roy gave a presentation to the Board on the Health and Wellness program at the L.H. Bluford Branch. Highlights from the presentation include:

- Key partners are Truman Medical Centers, NickiFit, American Heart Association, Missouri Regional Arthritis Centers, and Black Health Care Coalition, Inc.
- The program continues to grow both in number of participants and results through weight loss and other health improvements.
- Branch staff participates.
- Current funding is through August 2016.
- This program is being featured in the Free For All Library Documentary.

Cloyd gave a presentation to the Board on the Plaza Branch. Highlights from the presentation include:

- During first quarter of fiscal year, 81 computers at the Plaza Branch provided 46,240 computer sessions and 7,047 wireless sessions.
- From July 1 through September 30, 2015, 247 programs brought in 7,560 attendees.
- From July 1 through September 30, 2015, 246 meetings brought in 7,505 attendees.
- A total of 98,000 people visited the Plaza Branch from July 1 to September 30, 2015.

C. Kemper discussed the Director’s Report with the Board. (LBM 4070)

Christman gave a Social Media presentation. Highlights from the presentation include:

A social media battle of book spine poetry, initiated by the Kansas City Public Library, began during the ALCS playoffs between the Kansas City Royals and Toronto Blue Jays. The battle continued to the World Series between the Kansas City Royals and New York Mets. The Twitter Wars led by the Kansas City Public Library against the Toronto Public Library, New York Public Library and Queens Library were featured in over 30 media outlets during the month of October and impacted the Kansas City Public Library’s media exposure as follows:

- The Library’s Twitter followers increased from 14,262 on October 1 to 16,450 on October 29, 2015.
- The Library’s Facebook likes increased from 9,251 on October 1 to 10,393 on October 29, 2015.
- The number of social media impressions for the Library increased from 117,700 to 4,900,000 impressions from September to October, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary

Date