

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
August 21, 2017

Members

Mary Baker, President
Stephanie Carrell
Joe Dunbar
Alan Girtton
Quiana Preston
Karen Sosbe
Cathy Stover

Others

T. J. Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director
Lori Danford, Head of Finance & HR
Lisa Fipps, Director of Marketing
Laura Lechner
Trisha Shively

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:30 p.m. with all members present. Heather Dale was absent, so Lisa Fipps took the notes for the meeting.

There were no public comments.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports): Minutes of July board meeting; July statistical report; January to June 2017 statistical report; July 12 through August 14 appropriations report; July funds balance report; July 12 through August 14 allowance of claims; and personnel changes (see agenda). The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Sosbe.

Director of Marketing & Community Engagement Lisa Fipps provided an update on events related to the Banksy street art exhibit. She said that the Aug. 4, 2017, First Friday attendance was about 1,500 for the launch of Banksy Booked @KHCPL. Visitors have filled one Guest Book and begun filling a second. People have come from the following towns outside of Kokomo in Indiana: Russiaville, Greentown, Galveston, Marion, Logansport, St. Joe, Lafayette, Swayzee, Peru, Waterloo, Noblesville, Gas City, Bloomington, Converse, Flora, Indianapolis, Frankfort, Rochester, Greenwood, Greenfield, Losantville, Roanoke, Fort Wayne, Columbus, Tipton, Terre Haute, and Memphis. Out-of-state guests have come from South Carolina; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Denver, Co.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Manitowoc, Wis.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Fort Myers, Fla.; Suffolk, Va.; San Antonio, Texas; Hackensack, N.J.; and Grand Rapids, Mich. People have felt and shown a lot of Kokomo pride because of KHCPL bringing Banksy to town. Companion programs for the Banksy exhibit have been successful to date. Ms. Fipps said that the attendance for the Beginning Street Art program on Aug. 19 was split almost equally between teens and adults. Everyone enjoyed it and even worked on street art projects past the end time for the program. They didn't want to leave.

The board reviewed the proposed 2018 Budget Proposal (see budget.) The board gave approval to advertise the budget proposal with a total of \$6,150,593 on a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Sosbe.

Revisions to the Travel Policy were reviewed (see report.) Mr. Dunbar pointed out a grammatical error that needed to be fixed. Ms. Stover made a motion to approve the Travel Policy with the correction. The policy was approved following a second by Ms. Sosbe.

Head of Adult & Teen Services Trisha Shively shared about the Human Library which will be held at Main for the October 6 First Friday from 5 to 8 p.m. Ms. Baker asked if KHCPL was marketing it to schools. Ms. Shively said that IU Kokomo was sending a bus of students to the event. She said that posters have been circulated in the community. The commemorative Banksy pins were attached to Human Library bookmarks because it's believed the audience for Banksy would also be a match for the Human Library. Ms. Sosbe mentioned that students from other countries might be interested in sharing their experiences being from Asia and living in Kokomo for a while, for example. Mr. Dunbar and Ms. Sosbe recommended Ms. Shively contact Heidi Gutwein, Director of the International Programs at Kokomo High School, about possibly finding more books for the Human Library. Ms. Shively agreed to contact Ms. Gutwein.

There was no other new business.

Under director's comments, · Ms. Brautigam said she had received a letter from Mayor Greg Goodnight requesting that a member of the Board of Library Trustees attend the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board organizational meeting starting at 9:20 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8. Mr. Dunbar agreed to attend. · Ms. Brautigam shared the Staff Summer Wellness Challenge brochure and said that about one-fourth of the employees participated enough to complete the form; many commented about the various steps they were taking to get healthy/healthier because of the challenge. · Ms. Brautigam also talked about a young trolley driver who's been wearing his Banksy pin. People are clearly excited about Banksy. · Ms. Brautigam also said that she and Ms. Danford had received a compliment from the Department of Local Government Finance representative about keeping a tight rein on the budget. Because of the large amount of money KHCPL added to the operating fund by underspending, the library was able to levy the maximum amount for 2018.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

Karen Sosbe, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Lisa Fipps]