

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
February 20, 2023

Members

Stephanie Oden, President
Mary Baker
Stephanie Carrell
Joe Dunbar
Alan Girton
Cathy Stover

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director
Rita Bates, Head of Finance
Heather Dale, Admin Assistant
Susan Cobb*
Trina Evans*
Aaron Smith*
Christie Tate*

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:31 p.m. with six members present. (Board members, Ms. Brautigam, Ms. Bates, Mr. Workinger, and Ms. Dale attended in person. All others* attended virtually via Zoom.)

There were no public comments in person or via Zoom meeting software chat.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports and agenda): Minutes of January meeting; January statistical report; January 17 – February 13 appropriations report; January financial report; January 17 – February 13, 2023 allowance of claims, and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Carrell by unanimous vote (aye –Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Stover.)

The library board members signed their Board Ethics Statement forms for 2023.

The board reviewed revised 2023 User Fees (see report). The User Fees were approved following a motion by Ms. Carrell and a second Mr. Girton by the following vote: aye – Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Stover.

The board approved the Electronic Device and Internet Acceptable Use Policy (see policy) following a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Baker by the following vote: aye - Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Girton, Ms. Stover.

The annual report to the State (see report) was reviewed.

Under Other New Business, Mr. Dunbar explained that Kokomo will be the home of a new Samsung plant which will bring a large number of South Korean families to the community. He suggested that this fact should be kept in mind when planning library services. Ms. Brautigam stated that several library employees will be attending a Chamber of Commerce presentation about Korean integration soon. Ms. Oden suggested, since the library probably does not have anyone on staff who speaks Korean, that we develop a relationship with a liaison to assist us in communicating with our new community members.

Under director's comments, · Ms. Brautigam announced that the library Jail Program was discontinued several months ago, but that the service was recently resumed. · Ms. Brautigam shared that a recycling container has been installed by the Recycling District at KHCPL South. · Ms. Brautigam reported that the current version of State Senate Bill 12 does not include public librarians as it goes to the state senate, but it does include school libraries and librarians. She asked that board members contact Senator Buck about the legislation. · Ms. Brautigam announced that Caele Pemberton has been hired to serve as the library's Head of Marketing and Community Engagement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Cathy Stover, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Heather Dale.] he next meeting will be on **Monday, March 20** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Main.