

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
June 19, 2017

Members

Mary Baker, President
Alan Girton
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
Heather Dale, Administrative Assistant
Lou Ann French
Angela Garrett
Theophilus Hawkins
Justin Kingery
Tommy Richter
Joy Rogers
Marsha Santen
Carly Wimmer

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:30 p.m. with five members present.

There were no public comments.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports): Minutes of May board meeting; May statistical report; May 9 through June 12 appropriations report; May funds balance report; May 9 through June 12 allowance of claims; and personnel changes (see agenda). The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Sosbe and a second by Mr. Girton.

The board reviewed the budget preparation and adoption calendar (see report).

A Resolution to Transfer Between Library Appropriations, \$72,000 from Furniture & Equipment to Building Repairs (see resolution), was approved following a motion by Mr. Girton and a second by Ms. Stover. Ms. Danford explained that the funds would be used for the replacement of the KHCPL South roof.

Ms. Danford requested direction on the percentage of raise the board would prefer to be placed in the 2018 budget proposal. Ms. Baker requested a report showing dollar amounts for different percentages. Ms. Danford will submit the report to the budget committee for use in making a recommendation to the full board at the July library board meeting.

Assistant Director Doug Workinger reported that the work of British street artist Banksy is very well known, although his true identity is not. Mr. Workinger explained that people have started removing Banksy's art from buildings and other outdoor structures to be sold at auctions. The library has a DVD documentary called "Saving Banksy", which is also available on Netflix, that shows one man's attempt to save a piece of Banksy's street art which would have been painted over. Library employee Trina Evans is a fan of Banksy art and she was able to arrange for KHCPL to display a piece of Banksy art, often called Haight Street Rat or Socialist Rat, for a two month period this fall. Mr. Workinger reported that KHCPL will be the first public library to display one of Banksy's artworks and this will be the first time this particular piece of art has been displayed in this part of the Midwest.

Assistant Head of Adult & Teen Services Justin Kingery gave a thumbnail sketch about Chromebook tablets. He explained that iPad circulation was causing problems, so it was decided to circulate Chromebooks instead. Chromebooks are spill resistant and will retain the library's ownership without difficulty. The library's iPads will be used by staff. Mr. Kingery noted that policy regarding checkout will stay the same.

In answer to a question from Ms. Stover, Ms. Brautigam explained that Hotspots are very popular, but they have an ongoing cost, so KHCPL is not planning to expand the number available at this point.

There was no other new business.

Under director's report, • Ms. Brautigam announced that the new Outdoor Classroom at KHCPL Russiaville has been certified by Nature Explore. • Ms. Brautigam reported that paperwork to finish up Discover Tech has been completed. Also, feedback on Discover Tech from teachers and community leaders was very favorable. Ms. Brautigam noted this makes it very clear that the perception of the library as a source of information and as an education partner has definitely increased due to the exhibit. • Ms. Baker stated that she really enjoyed the Jackrabbits baseball game Saturday night. The Friends of the Library was the designated nonprofit for the game, providing Howard the Bear to throw out the first pitch and have a dance-off with the Jackrabbits' mascot, and a table for sharing library information as well as selling programs and having a 50/50 raffle to raise funds for the Friends.

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

Karen Sosbe, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Heather Dale.]