

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
KHCPL Main  
March 18, 2019

Members

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

Others

T. J. Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director  
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director  
Lori Danford, Head of Finance & HR  
Lisa Fipps, Director of Marketing  
Heather Dale, Administrative Assistant  
Marsha Santen  
Kayla Skiles

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:31 p.m. with six members present.

There were no public comments.

New Head of Circulation Kayla Skiles was introduced.

The consent agenda was reviewed as follows (see reports): Minutes of February meeting; February statistical report; February 12 through March 11 appropriations report; February 28<sup>th</sup> financial report; February 12 through March 11 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved on a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Baker.

Ms. Brautigam, Mr. Workinger, and Librarian Marsha Santen shared their experiences at the Harwood Institute Public Innovators Lab training recently. Ms. Santen explained that it was an intense training session for engaging in community conversations. Mr. Workinger stated that the options learned through conversations could be used in partnerships and on our strategic plan. He added that this will help make sure that we become relevant and remain relevant in our community. Ms. Brautigam noted the training was part of a grant we received which includes coaching for a ten-month period. She added that this helps KHCPL to become a change agent and to gather information that can be contributed to improve the community. Ms. Brautigam reported that KHCPL is working with IUK library staff, who also attended the training. Mr. Dunbar suggested that we contact the Community Foundation since that organization is in the process of engaging focus groups to develop a community plan. In answer to a question from Ms. Preston, Ms. Brautigam stated that what is being learned can be used in many ways, for example to hone in on what the library board needs, and to bring better value to parts of the community that KHCPL hasn't been able to reach. She stated that we will be developing a draft impact statement as part of the process.

Ms. Brautigam reported that she and Mr. Workinger attended Indiana Library Federation's Legislative Day at the State House early last week. She returned for a hearing on House Bill 1343 on Thursday. The proposed bill states that a fiscal body could opt to have binding review over a library. In KHCPL's case, that would be the County Council. An amendment was added so that the library's budget could not be reduced by a larger percentage than any other entity's the fiscal body oversees. Ms. Brautigam stated that the problems the legislature is trying to address appears to be in response to a very small percentage of libraries. Ms. Brautigam explained that any taxes lowered through the budget cuts would not save taxpayers money, but instead would be redistributed to other entities. At the end of the

hearing, the bill was tabled for further amendment negotiations. It will come to the committee again and could go straight to vote or, alternately, allow further testimony. Ms. Brautigam and Mr. Workinger met with our representatives on Legislative Day, including Senator Buck who is chairing the committee hearing HB 1343.

Under Thumbnail Sketch, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement Lisa Fipps explained that the flat plot garden spaces at KHCPL South will soon be developed into a waystation for Monarch butterflies. The project will include planting native plants and finding volunteers to maintain the space. Ms. Fipps explained that the Butterfly Garden will be on display when KHCPL South is the welcome center for the Howard County Master Gardeners' Garden Stroll.

There was no Other New Business or Director's Comments.

The board meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.

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Quiana Preston, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Heather Dale.]

The next meeting will be April 15, 4:30 p.m., at KHCPL Main.