

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
July 15, 2024

Members

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

Others

T. J. Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director
Rita Bates, Head of Finance
Trina Evans*
Ginger Hanny, Administrative Assistant
Lori Hugley
Amy Russell
Aaron Smith

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:32 p.m. with seven members present. (Board members, Mr. Rethlake, Ms. Bates, Ms. Brautigam, Ms. Hanny, Ms. Hugley, Ms. Russell, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Workinger. All others* attended 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 June meeting; June statistical report; June 11 – July 8, 2024, appropriations report; June financial report; June 11 – July 8, 2024, allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Stover, by the following vote (aye – Ms. Baker, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, and Ms. Stover).

Mr. Smith, Head of Technology and Facilities, provided the board with a facilities update including completed projects to date, upcoming projects in 2024, and proposed projects in 2025.

The State Library Consortium for Internet Access Resolution (see document) was approved following a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Sosbe, by the following vote (aye—Ms. Baker, Mr. Dunbar, Mr. Girton, Ms. Oden, Ms. Sosbe, and Ms. Stover).

Ms. Brautigam informed the board of a date revision to the 2025 Budget Timeline (see document).

Ms. Hugley, Head of Branches, provided the board with a brief presentation on the Lifelong Arts Grant. The Lifelong Arts Program promotes creative arts services for adults ages 65 and older. KHCPL was one of 36 libraries across Indiana who were awarded a \$5,000 grant for creative arts programming for older adults. KHCPL will use the funds to offer a six-week course where participants will create a unique story portrait of themselves or a family figure using storytelling and collage techniques. Visual artist Jennifer Weinert will lead the course. Following the course, KHCPL plans to host a reception for participants to display their portraits for family, friends, and the community.

Ms. Russell, Head of Genealogy & Local History Department, provided the board with an update on the Howard County Memory Project. Since its beginning in 2002, the KHCPL Genealogy Department has created 33 digital databases for anyone to access Howard County history. Ms. Russell highlighted a vast range of what these databases cover such as local school yearbooks, land records, an obituary index of Howard County residents, Bible records and church histories, and more. The newest database is a collection of vintage Howard County postcards. In addition to the Memory Project, the Genealogy Department has been scanning all Board of Trustees meeting documentation for preservation on microfilm, as required by the State of Indiana.

There was no Other New Business.

Under director's comments: Ms. Brautigam expressed her gratitude to the board for their participation in recognizing Heather Dale for her years of service to KHCPL. Ms. Brautigam also informed the board that KHCPL was awarded second place in a Black History Month contest sponsored by Positive Promotions. Trina Evans, Head of Children's Services, submitted an entry from KHCPL's African American Read-In program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:51pm.

Mary Baker, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Ginger Hanny.]

The next library board meeting will be on **Monday, August 19** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Russiaville.