

Kokomo-Howard County Public Library (KHCPL)
Board of Trustees Meeting
KHCPL Main
May 15, 2023

Members

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

Others

T. J. Rethlake, Attorney

Staff

Faith Brautigam, Director
Doug Workinger, Assistant Director
Rita Bates, Head of Finance
Christie Tate, Head of Human Resources*
Heather Dale, Admin Assistant
Aaron Smith*

The board meeting was called to order by the president at 4:35 p.m. with six members present. (Board members; Ms. Brautigam; Mr. Workinger; Ms. Bates, 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 April meeting and May 1 work session; April statistical report; April 11 – May 8 appropriations report; April financial report; April 11 – May 8 allowance of claims; and personnel changes. The consent agenda was approved, following a motion by Mr. Dunbar and a second by Ms. Baker, by the following vote (aye –Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Ms. Sosbe and Ms. Stover.)

User Fees (see policy) were revised to include the fee to use the large format printer in the Digital Den. The fees were approved, following a motion by Ms. Baker and a second by Ms. Carrell, by the following vote (aye –Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Ms. Sosbe and Ms. Stover.)

Ms. Baker made a motion to appoint Ms. Carrell, Ms. Stover, and Ms. Oden to the board budget committee. Ms. Stover seconded the motion, and the appointment was made on the following vote (aye – Ms. Baker, Ms. Carrell, Mr. Dunbar, Ms. Sosbe, and Ms. Stover.)

As Trustee education, Ms. Brautigam distributed the American Library Association’s Library Bill of Rights and related statements (see documents.) In answer to questions from the board, Ms. Brautigam shared information on the procedures used when a citizen challenges a book or other library material according to the Collection Development Policy.

Head of Children’s Services Trina Evans gave an enjoyable thumbnail sketch about the upcoming Summer Reading Program.

Under Other New Business, the board discussed the upcoming demolition of the Firestone building across Union Street from KHCPL Main.

Under director's comments, · Ms. Brautigam encouraged the board to read and enjoy the graphical reports that are emailed to them each month. She pointed out that one of the success stories listed this month said "I've really enjoyed getting to participate and want you to know being able to attend these programs has helped me through a very difficult year." Ms. Brautigam noted that we don't know who needs to be around other people, want a positive experience, or something that doesn't cost a lot of money. · Ms. Brautigam announced that a recent financial audit was done virtually and KHCPL received a clean report. · Ms. Brautigam reminded the board that the June board meeting will be held on Monday, June 26th at Main at 4:30 p.m. · Ms. Brautigam asked board members to notify her if they would like a seat at her table at the jazz brunch on Saturday, May 20, at Ivy Tech. · Ms. Brautigam shared the dates of her upcoming vacation with the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Cathy Stover, Secretary

[Minutes prepared by Heather Dale.] The next regular meeting will be on **Monday, June 26** at 4:30 p.m. at KHCPL Main.