

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
October 11, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lexington Public Library was held in the Board Room of the Central Library on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Lynda Bebrowsky, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Board members present: Lynda Bebrowsky, Rania Belmadani, Ralph Coldiron, Casandra Hockenberry, Stephanie Nallia, and Yajaira West. Advisory Board members present: Elizabeth Adams, Craig Cammack, DeLaine Bender, Alex Garcia, Shawntaye Hopkins, Louetta Hurst, Carly Muettertities, Hunter Porter, and Daryl Privott

Library staff present: AnnaMarie Cornett, Chief of Staff; Anne Donworth, Director of Development, Marketing, and Communications; Heather Dieffenbach, Executive Director; Tonya Head, Deputy Director; Karen King, Finance Officer; Elizabeth Neher, Development Associate; Christopher Oakford, Executive Assistant; Rob Parmley, Director of Operations; Summer Russell, Data Analyst, Rob Serrate, Finance Officer-designate; and Paige Smith, Development Manager

Others present: Rod Brotherton, Friends of the Library; Drake Staples, Stites and Harbison; Larry Smith.

Ms. Bebrowsky called the meeting to order.

Ms. Bebrowsky moved for approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Donworth gave the Development report. In September, the Foundation received a total of \$45,727.08 from 113 donors. Of that, \$41,250 was for the Marksbury Family Branch, \$1,100 was for youth programming at Northside and Village, and \$3,250 was unrestricted. In addition, the Foundation officially launched the public capital campaign. It also began work to update its by-laws; approved the appointment of Ralph Coldiron as vice chair and Emmy Hartley as a new board member of the Foundation; prepared a preliminary advocacy plan for the General Assembly in January; and added a voter information guide to the LPL website, where voters could find out if they were registered, as well as how and where to vote. Ms. Donworth concluded her report by encouraging everyone who had not already done so to visit the Undesign the Redline exhibit at Central and by telling the board about some of the events the Foundation held to promote the exhibit.

Mr. Brotherton, Chair of the Friends of the Library, gave the Friends report. He informed the attendees that the Friends' October book sale was due to begin on Friday, October 13, and that the Friends were working with Pivot Brewing and Lockhouse

Brewing on two forthcoming events. In September, the Friends signed up 14 new members and 23 renewals and donated \$2,500 to LPL for the Marksbury project.

Mr. Serrate gave the financial statement. As of the end of August, the Library had total assets of \$21,600,000 and total liabilities of \$2,125,000, leaving a fund balance of \$19,475,000. General Fund revenues for August were \$1,570,000 and expenditures were \$1,460,000. In the Materials Fund, revenues, year-to-date, were \$454,000 and expenditures were \$607,000. Investments totaled \$12,680,000 and debt totaled \$14,464,000.

Ms. Dieffenbach presented the Director's report. She referred the members to her written report, as the meeting was due to last longer than usual.

Ms. Bebrowsky presented the Chair's report. She confirmed the date of the next meeting as November 8 and the location as the Central Library. She then congratulated Mr. Larry Smith on the receipt of the Kentucky Libraries Association's James A. Nelson Advocacy Award, and she thanked Karen King for her service as the Library's finance officer, it being Ms. King's last meeting.

The Building and Property committee did not meet in October.

Ms. Hockenberry presented the Board Development Committee Report. On behalf of the committee, she brought forward two motions. First, that the Board approve an updated version of the policy relating to the reconsideration of materials. Seconded by Mr. Coldiron and passed unanimously. Second, that the Board approve nominating Louetta Hurst, Hunter Porter, and Daryl Privott to the Mayor and City Council for reappointment to the Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Coldiron and passed unanimously.

Ms. Nallia presented the Budget and Finance Committee Report. On behalf of the committee, she brought forward a motion for the Board to approve the financial statement as presented by Mr. Serrate earlier in the meeting. Seconded by Ms. Belmadani and approved unanimously. Ms. Nallia also confirmed that she and Ms. Bebrowsky had reviewed the checks and procurement card statements for September with no questions and no issues.

Under Other Business, the Board took part in a focus group session led by Mr. Clanton from BerryDunn for input into the new strategic plan.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Signed: Jaylah West
Jaylah West, Secretary