

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD ON
January 8, 2024

A regular meeting of the Library Board of Directors of the Kanawha County Public Library was held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 4:00 PM via Zoom and in-person in the board room at New Main.

The following Board members were present for the meeting:

Mr. J. Auge	Ms. D. Sonis
Ms. S. Haden	Ms. A. Silbernagel
Ms. J. Holiday	Dr. K. Sullivan
Mr. T. Hurney	Ms. C. Tawney
Ms. B. King	Mr. B. Thomas
Mr. L. Moore	Dr. R. Wallace

Library Foundation of Kanawha County Board members present were Mr. Bryan Cokeley.

KCPL staff members present were Ms. Erika Connelly, Ms. Sarah Mitchell, Ms. Marsha Alford, Ms. Adele Thumm, Mr. Stan Howell, Mr. Teddy Claypool, Ms. Terri McDougal, Ms. Marian Veld, Mr. Tim Venitsanos, and Mr. Michael Polak.

Others in attendance were Mr. Christopher Winton, library counsel.

Mr. Thomas presided over the meeting and called it to order at 4:01 p.m. The director served as Secretary.

Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion made, seconded, and ADOPTED, the minutes of the December 11, 2023 board meeting were approved as distributed.

Director's Report

Ms. Connelly shared good news out of her financial report. The West Virginia Library Commission reimbursed funds to KCPL for cataloging expenses and that money flowed into the income statement. By November, the Library had received 50 percent of its projected income for the fiscal year and is ahead of schedule.

The accounting department is working on fully moving operations to Suttle and Stalnaker. Due to the end of the year holidays, Suttle has yet to complete its engagement letter, but things are expected to move as planned. They will attend a future board meeting to discuss the full breadth of services they will not offer.

The West Virginia Library Association will host Breakfast with the Legislators on this year's "Library Legislation Day" on Friday, January 26th beginning at 8:30 a.m. WVLA has booked the entire upper and lower rotunda in the Capitol for the morning.

Ms. Connelly turned things over to Mr. Howell for a presentation on KCPL's new library card designs. Patrons may now choose between five different options and new cards are free until the end of April 2024. Mr. Howell noted that Marketing — Ms. Corrie Winton designed the cards. The top five of her 12 options were selected by staff and are now available at all KCPL locations.

Finally, Ms. Connelly updated the Board on the change to KCPL's Digital Services. At the beginning of the calendar year, only Kanawha county residents are now able to access the full suite of digital databases that KCPL offers. The Library sent an e-mail to about 5,000 users who would be affected by the change in late December. Ms. Connelly explained she had personally fielded calls on the matter and that most people understand when the costs are explained. "What we are hearing the most is that MY library doesn't have what yours does."

Action Items

Dr. Sullivan introduced the 2024-2029 Long-Range Plan for the Kanawha County Public Library system to the full board for approval. In the November 2023 meeting, the Board reviewed and discussed a draft of the material.

The Board had a robust conversation about the language of the Plan's first priority "build within a five-year period an Eastern Kanawha Regional Library." While all directors voiced support of the ambition, some felt that the five-year period was not realistic, and that "build" gave the impression of "complete."

After reviewing alternatives, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Sullivan decided to send the Long-Range Plan back to committee for language tweaks. No vote was taken on the plan, and it will be taken up with edits in the February Board Meeting.

New Business

Mr. Thomas announced to the Board that Mr. Kevin Johnson elected to resign his position effective December 31, 2023. Replacement candidates will be vetted by the Board's Membership committee and presented to the full board when ready.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn this meeting. Motion was seconded, and the meeting ADJOURNED at 4:58 P.M.