

**Kalamazoo Public Library
OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Amended)
REGULAR SESSION**

DATE: July 22, 2002
TIME: 4:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Central Library
Board Room
315 S. Rose Street
Kalamazoo, Mi 49007

PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

Roll Call: Trustees present: Robert Brown, Lisa Godfrey, and James Vander Roest. Late: Rand Johnson. Absent: Donald Brown, Loren Dykstra and Doreen Thomas.

NOTE: Prior to Dr. Johnson's arrival, President Vander Roest began the meeting with items not requiring a quorum of trustees. The election of officers and other agenda items were deferred.

I. RECOGNITIONS, RESOLUTIONS, COMMUNICATIONS

A. Recognition

Presentation: Mr. Amdursky thanked President Vander Roest for serving as Board President for two terms: 2000/2001 and 2001/2002. He indicated that it is the practice to present the departing president with an engraved gavel. Since Mr. Vander Roest already has a gavel from prior years served as president, a book on owls, a particular interest of Mr. Vander Roest, will be fitted with a gift plate in his honor and placed in the collection.

II. PERSONS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

No one requested to address the board.

IX. COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES

Mr. Brown was concerned about the invitation sent to the community for the ice cream social celebrating the "Library of the Year" award. It did not include an address, but assumed invitees would know to come to the downtown location. He also wondered why there were no events held at the branches. He said this is indicative of his long-held feeling that branches are not distinguished from Central Library, which creates a problem with public perception. He suggested this is a topic he would like the board to explore.

President Vander Roest said he attended the ice cream social, and that attendance was very good, perhaps as many as two thousand. People enjoyed celebrating, were proud of their library, and appreciated being included in the celebration.

NOTE: Dr. Johnson arrived at this point and the board began addressing its regular agenda items.

Election of Officers

President Vander Roest served as the nominating committee and presented the following slate of candidates for board offices for fiscal year 2002/2003. There were no other nominations, no discussion and nominations were closed.

MOTION: PRESIDENT VANDER ROEST MOVED AND DR. JOHNSON SUPPORTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ELECTION OF THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2002/2003.

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| President: | Donald Brown |
| Vice President: | Rand Johnson |
| Secretary: | Doreen Thomas |
| Treasurer: | Robert Brown |



Motion carried 4-0.

Vice President Rand Johnson assumed the President's role in the absence of President Donald Brown.

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 24, 2002

The minutes of the June 24, 2002 library board meeting were accepted as presented.

B. Personnel Items

Bill Caskey, half-time library assistant 3 in the Ready to Read office, has resigned and will leave his position on July 26, 2002. He joined the staff in February 2001.

Disposition: The board accepted the minutes and the personnel item as presented.

IV. FINANCIAL REPORTS

A. Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2002

Recommendation: Director Amdursky recommended the board approve Financial Reports for the Period Ending June 30, 2002.

MOTION: MS. GODREY MOVED AND MR. VANDER ROEST SUPPORTED APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORTS AS RECOMMENDED.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

V. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Internet Policy Review/NCIPA Compliance

Presentation: Mr. Amdursky indicated it is not his intent to change the substance of the Internet Policy currently in place, but to be sure we are meeting federal NCIPA requirements. The policy is working well for us; we are experiencing very few abuses. Our attorney is reviewing the policy to determine whether it meets the requirements and the director expects to have a report after receiving the opinion of counsel at next month's meeting.

Discussion: Ms. Godfrey pointed out that even if the attorney feels our policy does not comply with the federal mandate, the board may decide it is not in the library's best interest to change it.

Mr. Amdursky explained that although the court struck down the CIPA law, the NCIPA law was not challenged. NCIPA was passed prior to CIPA and is not as restrictive. It does not require filtering, but requires that institutional policy address certain issues.

There was a brief discussion of the bill introduced by Representative Upton regarding an Internet domain subset intended to provide "safe" sites for children to visit on the Internet.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance & Budget Committee
No report.

B. Personnel Committee
No report.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Directors Report

Kevin King, Teen Services Librarian, described the recently implemented "Diversion Project", a take off on the "Sick Kids Kit" KPL has long provided for children. The Diversion Project was proposed by a local teen patron, Reyna Levine. It targets teens with long-term or terminal illness and provides a "diversions pack" that includes information teaching them how to use KPL resources to research their illness, a book with the theme of teens overcoming personal adversity, health pamphlets on relevant illness, game sheets, a bookmark coupon to be redeemed at the library and other information. The intent is to have physicians refer teens to KPL who could benefit from this opportunity. Every physician who has been approached to date has agreed to participate. Much of the work to realize the project has been done by Ms. Levine. Efforts to raise funding and donations for the project are underway. This is a unique project, breaking new ground.

Ms. Godfrey said it is impressive for a twelve-year old to have suggested and developed this project. She also is pleased that KPL staff is willing to work with her.

Mr. King added that Ms. Levine spoke about the diversions project at her recent Bat Mitzvah and had asked that gifts be directed to the library to fund the project.

Mr. Amdursky told the board petition requirements to qualify for the district library trustee ballot recently were changed and distributed the new regulations.

He also informed them he recently submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Education in the amount of \$300,000 to fund a program to use technology to supplement literacy training. This project would build on the Kalamazoo Partnership in Learning

Technology project funded by a Department of Education grant awarded to the City of Kalamazoo last year. That project provides technology in centers located where low-income people live. Technology is generally not used here even though it is recognized as a valuable supplement to literacy training because of the cost to provide it. This is not a "cutting edge" idea, but if received could be very helpful to the community. We should be notified whether the grant is approved in early October.

The director has received a number of calls from people who are interested in our Audible.com collaboration, which provides digital books, downloaded to MP-3 players and loaned to patrons. He will be travelling to both Chicago and New York in the next few months to speak about this program.

There was some discussion of the possible economic impact the recent sale of Pharmacia to Pfizer may have on the community and on the library's budget. Mr. Brown would like KPL to welcome Pfizer to the area and promote our value to their leadership. General economic

development in the area and the library's potential role was also mentioned. Trustees are anxious to hold an in depth discussion of this issue and urged the director to move it higher on the priority list.

In response to a question about how downturn in the stock market will affect KPL, Ms. Schiller, Business Manager, said the impact will be indirect, and will primarily involve an increase in rates for our retirement funds

VIII. PERSONS REQUESTING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ms. Kathryn Steadman, 6124 Old Log Trail, and Adult Services Librarian told the board she is very pleased to be moving into the administrative position of Head of Adult Services at KPL on August 16.

IX. TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Mr. Vander Roest expressed his thanks for the book placed in the library's collection in his honor.

Ms. Godfrey said she is pleased with the KPL "Library of the Year" banners being placed at library locations in the community.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no objections, Vice President Johnson adjourned the meeting of the Kalamazoo Public Library Board of Trustees at 4:50 p.m.

Doreen Thomas, Secretary