

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
LEXINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY
August 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lexington Public Library was held in the Large Meeting Room of the Northside Branch on Wednesday, August 9, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Lynda Bebrowsky, Chair, called the meeting to order.

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

Library staff present: Alplato Chukpue-Padmore, Project Manager; AnnaMarie Cornett, Chief of Staff; Anne Donworth, Director of Marketing; Heather Dieffenbach, Executive Director; Raul Garces, Library Associate Northside; Brian Hocevar, Assistant Manager Northside; Kevin Imai, HR Director; Karen King, Finance Officer; Elizabeth Neher, Development Associate; Christopher Oakford, Executive Assistant; Summer Russell, Data Analyst, and Paige Smith, Development Manager

Others present: Rod Brotherton, Friends of the Library; Megan George, Stites and Harbison

Ms. Bebrowsky called the meeting to order.

Ms. Bebrowsky moved for approval of the minutes from the July 12, 2023 Board meeting. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Donworth gave the Development report. In July, the Foundation received a total of \$40,940 from 42 donors. In addition, Ms. Donworth had arranged tours of the Marksbury Family Branch work site for LPL and Foundation Board members and the Mayor and city council members.

Mr. Brotherton, Chair of the Friends of the Library, gave the Friends report. He began with an update on the *Boozy Grown Up Book Fair* at Pivot Brewing, which took place on Sunday, July 16, and at which the Friends sold \$3,463 worth of books. He then informed the Board that the Friends currently averaged \$2,000 a day in sales, and that, starting on August 18, there would be a two-for-one book sale.

Ms. King reported on the Library's financial position through the month of June 2023. As of the end of June, the Library had total assets of \$21,394,000. General Fund revenues for June were \$1,968,000 and expenditures were \$1,457,000, leaving a bottom line of \$510,000. Year-to-date, revenues were \$19,884,000 and expenditures were \$15,862,000, not including the \$1,771,000 spent on Marksbury, leaving a bottom line of

\$2.2 million. In the Materials Fund, revenues, year-to-date, were \$2,596,000 and expenditures were \$2,455,000. Investments totaled \$12,639,000 and debt totaled \$14,575,000.

At this point, Ms. Belmadani joined the meeting.

Ms. Dieffenbach presented the Director's report. She introduced two new staff members - Elizabeth Neher, Development Associate, and Alplato Chukpue-Padmores, Project Manager - to the Board and then Ms. Donworth to talk about the timings for the Undesign the Redline exhibit at the Central Library, starting on September 22. Next, she commended Raul Garces to the Board. (Mr. Garces had recently received the Administrative Hero award at the Unsung Heroes Ball and the Board wanted the opportunity to congratulate him in person.) She then handed over to Mr. Hocevar for an update on programs and events at Northside.

Ms. Bebrowsky presented the Chair's report. She swore in Mr. Coldiron for a second term and Ms. Bird-Pollan for a first term on the Board of Trustees and she confirmed that the date of the next meeting was Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Central. She then brought forward a motion asking the Board to approve LPL closing all branches on Staff Development Day (November 10, 2023). Ms. Bender seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Building and Property and Board Development committees did not meet in July.

Ms. Nallia presented the Budget and Finance Committee Report. She brought forward two motions. First, that the Board approve the financial statements as presented by Ms. King earlier in the meeting. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Second, that the Board approve a gift agreement for a donation of \$500,000 from the James and Martha Brown Foundation for the Marksbury Family Branch project. Mr. Coldiron seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Nallia also confirmed that she and Ms. Bebrowsky had reviewed the checks and procurement card statements for July with one question and no issues.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

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Yajaira West, Secretary