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Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees
Special Meeting –April 21, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Thursday, April 21, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jonathan Kemper, President
Rose Marie Bell
Leon Dixon
Olivia Dorsey
Marilou Joyner

STAFF PRESENT: Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Melissa Carle, Library Systems and Service Program Manager
Carrie Coogan, Director of Public Affairs & Community of Readers
Elizabeth Eddings, Administrative Officer
Joel Jones, Deputy Director of Library Services
Debbie Siragusa, Deputy Director of Administration / Chief Financial Officer

OTHERS PRESENT: Maureen Sullivan

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

C. Kemper described strategic planning needs – matching resources to actual operations of library in relation to the future of library technology, future of our citizens/service population, and aspirational goals.

J. Kemper explained the need to select process oriented topics. It was concluded that the facilitator would help identify opportunities to build better communication among Board and Executive Staff to anticipate challenges and opportunities ahead.

Joyner joined at 11:17 a.m.

Siragusa introduced Sullivan who described her background and qualifications. Sullivan further discussed how to make the most of the Board's time during the retreat and provided guidance for creating a content rich retreat. It was identified that the goal for the retreat is to facilitate Board input on the Library's priorities, identify possible Board roles in accomplishing the Library's priorities, and give context for continued development of the Master Project Plan and the Fundraising Plan.

Dorsey asked how staff and board would interact during the retreat. Sullivan advised staff would be present to listen, learn and provide answers to questions as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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