

MEETING NOTES

Kansas City Public Library Board of Trustees Special Meeting – Strategic Retreat Planning January 28, 2011

The Strategic Retreat Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Tuesday, January 28, 2011 at 2:30 p.m. Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Olivia Dorsey
Jonathan Kemper (ex officio)
Dave Mayta
Leon Dixon
Claudia Oñate Greim

STAFF PRESENT:

Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer

OTHERS PRESENT:

William Crowe
Sue Mosby, Infinium

J. Kemper called the meeting to order at 2:34 p.m.

J. Kemper stated that the purpose for the meeting was follow up on any outstanding issues and to finalize the retreat design prepared by Infinium.

Discussing the retreat design, the group agreed that each topic should be explored from three primary angles: the whole community, the patrons, and staff and overall library resources. Dorsey suggested that the topics be prioritized so that it is possible to devote more time to the large group discussion of a particular topic if it was deemed beneficial. The group agreed to reorder the topics as 1) Community of Readers, 2) Community Engagement, and 3) Community and Technology.

In preparation for the retreat, C. Kemper and Crowe will work on reading lists focused on the discussion topics, one for before and one for after the retreat. Library staff will send out a packet of materials for attendees to review during the two weeks prior to the retreat, with the goal of giving attendees a sense as to the large issues facing the Library today.

Discussing retreat follow up, J. Kemper requested that C. Kemper lead a review and discussion of the retreat outcome at the March Board meeting. The group agreed that the Board should also discuss next steps and whether any of the proposed actions will have a direct impact on the budget for next year. C. Kemper suggested that the March Board meeting could include a larger group of senior staff to participate in the discussion.

Motion by Mayta to adjourn. Second by Dixon. Approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Jonathan Kemper

Date