

**Daniel Boone Regional Library
Minutes, Meeting of February 16, 2017**

Call to Order, Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Susan Daly called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Virginia G. Young Room of the Columbia Public Library (CPL). She welcomed new Callaway County Library District (CCLD) Trustee Brian Warren.

Daniel Boone Regional Library (DBRL) Board members in attendance were: Julie Baka; Dorothy Carner; Daly, President; Mary Fennel; John French; Lisa Groshong; Phil Harrison; Tonya Hays-Martin; Lynn Hostetler; Jean Howard; Brouck Jacobs; Michael Luebbert; August Nielsen; Gena Scott; Warren; Khaki Westerfield and Bill Young. Kate Markie and Pat Powell were absent.

Also in attendance were Roger McKinney of the Columbia Daily Tribune, Carter Stoddard of the Columbia Missourian, DBRL Director Melissa Carr, and staff members Elinor Barrett, Amanda Burke, Betsy Collins, Megan Durham, Patrick Finney, Anne Girouard, Jerilyn Hahn, Melanie Henry, Patricia Miller, Ronda Mitchell, Liz Pfeiffer, Greg Reeves, Angela Scott, Jim Smith, Mitzi St. John, Kristy Toplikar and Lauren Williams.

New Business

Daly called for and heard no objections to reordering the agenda to first discuss new business of interest to the public in attendance.

Carr distributed copies of a letter received in the late afternoon from attorney Jennifer Bukowsky on behalf of State Representative Cheri Toalson Reisch. She summarized the events that were reported after the co-sponsored "Town Meeting with Legislators" on February 2 and reviewed what actions staff members are trained to take in situations when a weapon is known to be present in a library building. She noted that staff were not informed of the presence of a gun during the February 2 event. Carr stated that the library's legal counsel reviewed the DBRL Rules for Behavior and signs in 2016. Upon further consultation, the attorney has recommended changing the library signs to state, "No person shall possess, on the library premises, a weapon of any kind, unless authorized by law."

As the law on allowing concealed weapons in Missouri's public library buildings is not entirely clear, legal counsel will continue to review the current law, DBRL policies, and the Rules for Behavior, and any further recommendations will be brought back for review by the Board of Trustees.

Daly called for comments from the members of the public in attendance.

In response to a question from Groshong, Carr stated that if concealed-carry weapons are allowed in the library, staff's response to known weapons in the building will remain the same as it has been. Legal guidance on the applicable laws is expected in upcoming weeks.

Kathy Steinhoff of 301 Fredora Avenue spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Daly called for and heard no further comments from the members of the public in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Daly asked for corrections or changes to the minutes from January 12, 2017. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as written.

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Strategic Planning Presentations

Durham and Toplikar discussed new consumer technology and how libraries and other organizations are providing hands-on STEAM learning experiences and circulating “maker kits” to their communities.

Next, Girouard and Hahn discussed local demographic trends that affect literacy and how the library and other community organizations are addressing lifelong learning, and digital and traditional literacy for people of all ages.

Durham, Girouard, Hahn and Toplikar exited the meeting.

Public Comment

As additional members of the public joined the meeting during the first presentations, Daly again called for comments.

In response to a question from Stoddard, Carr stated that the library’s legal counsel recommended changing the lobby signs to match the current Rules for Behavior.

Helene Tatum of 215 West Parkway spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Samantha Brewer of 208 West Thurman spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

Alexandra Townsend of 104 Gipson Street spoke in favor of the library not allowing any weapons in its buildings.

In response to a question from Young, Carr stated that the library’s attorney is continuing to review the matter and any recommendations will be brought to the Board for consideration following that review.

Daly called for and heard no further comments from the members of the public in attendance.

Strategic Planning Presentations, Continued

Barrett, Burke, Collins and St. John presented information about how Analytics on Demand can be used to understand DBRL patrons within the context of Boone and Callaway counties and make data-driven decisions about strategic planning, programming, marketing and more.

In response to a question from Jacobs, Barrett stated that lower socioeconomic groups are represented in Mosaic segmentation but were not among the user groups used as examples in the presentation.

Daly stated her appreciation for library staff staying on the cutting edge.

Monthly Reports

Director’s Report and Comments: Carr thanked the Trustees who have attended Community Conversations this month. She noted that she and Barrett are also meeting individually with community leaders whose organizations have recently done their own in-depth community analyses or surveys. She believes the information that is being gathered at all of these meetings and events will be very valuable for the library’s strategic planning process.

Carr updated the Board on the Columbia and Boone County Library Districts’ unification process. On May 15, the City Council has a work session. The DBRL Contracts and Bylaws

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Committee will meet in upcoming weeks to discuss recommended changes to the two documents.

Carr thanked French and Powell for attending the Missouri Library Association (MLA) Library Advocacy Day on February 7.

Financial Report: Daly stated that the preliminary January financial report will be available at the March board meeting.

Service Report: Daly asked for received and no questions about the Service Report.

District Board Reports

Boone County Library District (BCLD): Young reported that the BCLD Board met prior to the regional board meeting to hear from REDI representatives about the current Chapter 100 proposal. The BCLD Board voted to authorize Young, as their representative, to vote in favor of the Chapter 100 project at the Chapter 100 Review Committee meeting of February 21.

Old Business

Daly asked for received and no questions about the 2016 Implementation Strategies 4th Quarter Report.

New Business

Daly called for and heard no objections to tabling the policies until the next meeting.

Miscellaneous

There was no miscellaneous business.

Public Comment

There was no comment from the members of the public in attendance.

Staff Comments/Announcements

Carr noted that the next DBRL board meeting is on March 9 and Maureen Sullivan will be present to share findings from the Community Conversations. The Board will hold a work session on March 16.

Board Comments/Announcements

Luebbert congratulated Young on the Fulton Sun frontpage article about Young's recently-published book, "J. L. Wilkinson and the Kansas City Monarchs: Trailblazers in Black Baseball." Angela Scott noted that Young is speaking at CPL on March 8.

Carr distributed laminated "Key Messages" cards with 2016 cumulative statistics to the Trustees.

Adjournment

Daly adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Amanda Burke, DBRL staff.

Board Secretary