

MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM EXECUTIVE BOARD &
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD
LAWRENCE, KS
MAY 20, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Kansas Library System was held in the System office of the Northeast Kansas Library System in Lawrence, KS on May 20, 2010. President Emily Baker called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

The President called for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

President Emily Baker called for introductions. This was the first meeting for new members elected to the Executive Board and the first joint meeting with the Library Foundation Board.

MOTION: Laurie Wilson moved that the consent agenda be accepted as printed. This included the April 22, 2010 Executive Board meeting minutes, the April 2010 financial reports, and the May 2010 warrants in the amount of \$104,959.93. Roger Gormley seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Minges presented his Director's report and covered the following points:

- 1) There is a new task force looking at statewide library broadband service. Mr. Minges was asked to be a member of this group.
- 2) Beginning in August, there will be a change in the databases provided statewide. This was necessitated by the lack of funding from the Regents Universities beginning August 1st. Learning Express is being added and other new databases will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.
- 3) Mr. Minges discussed the process of new library formation and the role of the State Library Board in funding for regional systems. The State Library Board has the authority to decide if a new library boundary should be removed from the System taxing district. The primary focus of the Board will be the effect on the System taxing basis and the System's ability to provide services.

The other monthly reports were accepted as printed.

The first item of business was a discussion with the Library Foundation Board. The intent of the Foundation is to provide a vehicle to "respond to opportunity" – for member libraries and for NEKLS outside of statutes. The current Foundation Board has vacancies for additional members. Since the current situation leads to little on-going business for the Foundation Board to consider, no action is being taken to fill these vacancies at this time.

Mr. Minges reviewed the accreditation issues of the Lansing Public Library as the second item of business. Other libraries in the System may also have governance issues that will need to be addressed as well. Lansing will not be receiving a NEKLS library development grant in 2011.

The 2011 State Library/Regional Systems Unified Plan was presented to the Executive Board by Mr. Minges as the third item of business.

MOTION: Kimberly Beets moved that the State Library/ Regional System Unified Plan 2011 b accepted as presented: Ken Woods seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The 2011 budget was the fourth item of business. In the last few years, the core budget of the Northeast Kansas Library System has had very little growth. Mr. Minges presented three options to Executive Board members in the event that property assessments are lower than expected. The options were to raise the levy slightly, to further reduce expenses, or to transfer funds from the capital improvement fund. The Executive Board explored the ramifications of each option and directed Mr. Minges to provide potential budget reductions for consideration at the June 17th meeting.

A budget resolution for the 2011 Budget was the fifth item of business. This resolution, if approved, will be published in the Lawrence Journal World newspaper.

MOTION: Ken Woods moved the 2011 Budget Resolution be approved as presented. Wade Edwards seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The sixth item of business was a discussion on the Kansas Library Express courier service. Commitment letters have been sent out for the July 2010-June 2011 fiscal year. It is anticipated that the State Library will provide \$180,000 in funding and that there will be several new members from the South Central Kansas Library System. During the new year of operation, a better shipping label will be utilized.

NExpress and the relationship with PTFS was the seventh item of discussion. So far, PTFS has been working to provide updates and a rollout of Koha 3.2 by August 2010. NEKLS should receive a State Library grant to help add Leavenworth, Richmond, Pomona, Everest, Holton and Doniphan County libraries to Nexpress.

The final item of business was the proposed Collection Management Policy for the Northeast Kansas Library System.

MOTION: Laurie Wilson moved that the Collection Management Policy for the Northeast Kansas Library System be accepted as presented. Roger Gormley seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be June 17, 2010 at 10:00 a.m in the NEKLS office at 4317 W. 6th Street in Lawrence, KS.

Marilyn Daniels, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Ken Woods	Franklin County	Pamela Tull	Member-At-Large
Marilyn Daniels	Gov. Appt. Rept.	Thad Hartman	Shawnee County
Emily Baker	Johnson County	Roger Gormley	Doniphan County
Leslee Bowers	Jackson County	Janet Perry	Jefferson County
Laurie Wilson	Nemaha County	M.E. Grosdidier	Member-At-Large
Kimberly Beets	Wyandotte County	Wade Edwards	Brown County
Barbara Blachly	Miami County	Arla Jones	Douglas County
Steven Gromatzky	Atchison County	Gerald Speidel	Foundation Board member
Steven Fike	Foundation Treasurer		
Kathy Jordan	Foundation President	Jim Minges	NEKLS
Rita Higley	Foundation V.P.	Laura DeBaun	NEKLS