New Orleans Public Library
Regular Board Meeting
Main Library Board Room
Tuesday, January 8th, 2019
4:40 PM

AGENDA

I. Call to Order — Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire (4:40 p.m.)
II. Roll Call — Executive Assistant Andie Paloutzian (4:41 p.m.)
   Phala Kimbrough Mire, Board Chair — Present
   Vonda Flentroy-Rice, Vice-Chair — Present
   Laurance Eustis III, Secretary — Present
   Bernard Charbonnet — Not Present
   James K. Chassee — Present
   Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste — Present
   Mary Moran — Not Present
   Andrea Neighbours — Present
   William A. Settoon — Not Present
   A quorum was present.
   Staff Present — Charles Brown, Jessica Styons, Andie Paloutzian, Kate Martin, Ross
   Matthews, Adrienne Strock

III. Action Item: Approval of Consent Agenda —
   • Consent Agenda — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 4:41 p.m.)
     o October regular session minutes and December special session draft minutes
     o Financial Report
     o Executive Director’s Report
       ➢ A request “to scratch the financial report” was made by James Chassee as
         the Finance Committee had not been able to meet and the report had only
         been supplied that day. The Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire offered to
         defer the approval of the finance report until the next meeting and
         suggested to accept the rest of the Consent Agenda.
       ➢ A recommendation was made by Charles Brown to move the date for the
         first regular board meeting of the year up two weeks, as all reporting data is
         not available so soon after the start of the year.
   • A motion “to approve” was made by James Chassee and it was seconded by Raquel
     Dufauchard Baptiste. The motion was carried unanimously.
IV. Information Items —
  • Introductions — (Jessica Styons, 4:43 p.m.)
    ▶ Programs, Outreach and Partnerships Director Adrienne Strock
    ▶ P.O.P is also a new department for NOPL.
  • Personnel Division Chief Ross Matthews

V. Discussion Items —
  • Update on Strategic Planning (Kate Martin, Andrea Neighbours 4:48 p.m.)
    ▶ This is the 3rd and final year for the 1st Strategic Plan.
    ▶ A new staff committee will soon form to undertake the planning for the 2nd Strategic Plan.
    ▶ The board Strategic Plan committee will grow ideally, and Andrea Neighbours will be soliciting board feedback.
  • Friends of the NOPL Update (Dixon Stetler, 4:58 p.m.)
    ▶ The just completed bookkeeping for 2018 and it was their most lucrative year. They also accomplished all of their goals for the year. The Development Director is planning a spring fundraiser. Dixon Stetler will accept a new donation at the Agriculture Convention on 1/12/19.
  • Report from Subcommittee on Fundraising (Vonda Flentroy Rice, 5:00 p.m.)
    ▶ A joint subcommittee has been formed with members of the Library Board and Foundation Board, and will meet again on 1/17/2019. They will meet every two weeks.
    ▶ Vonda Flentroy Rice met with Todd Ragusa about a strategy campaign for the Foundation and the Library: to discover and gather information, to create a path forward for the two organizations, and to craft the narrative about the two organizations.
    ▶ Foundation Board members indicated at their 1/4/19 meeting they would reengage with attorney Greg Sexton to get their by-laws and other documentation in order to once again focus on the Library.
  • NORD Report (Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste, 5:12 p.m.)
    ▶ Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste is the Library Board representative on the NORD Commission.
    ▶ She attended her 1st meeting with that group, and will be exploring ways for the two groups to move forward in partnership.
    ▶ She will be reporting out to the Library Board at each regular meeting going forward.
VI. **Public Comments** — (Phala Kimbrough Mire, 5:21 p.m.)
   - There were no public comments made.

VII. **Attachments** — The Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire requested the Board members to review the attachments to the agenda packet.

VIII. **Adjournment** — The Board Chair Phala Kimbrough Mire requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made "to adjourn" by Raquel Dufauchard Baptiste, seconded by Andrea Neighbours. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote. The January 8th, 2019 meeting adjourned at approximately 5:22 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

Secretary

**DATE:** 1/8/19