

Hennepin County Library Board Resolution
August 27, 2008

Whereas, the Library Board has the responsibility to accept and manage gifts and funds contributed to the Hennepin County Library ("HCL") and to articulate and endorse major library system goals and initiatives for which significant private financial support and partnership will be necessary; and

Whereas as a result of action by the Minneapolis Public Library Board, Minneapolis City Council and Mayor, Hennepin County Board, Hennepin County Library Board ("Library Board") and Minnesota Legislature, the Minneapolis Public Library ("MPL") system ceased to exist as of the first of the year and its assets and mission were consolidated into the HCL; and

Whereas, The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library is a nonprofit entity which provided valuable support to the Minneapolis Public Library for over 60 years; and

Whereas, The Library Foundation of Hennepin County ("Foundation") is a nonprofit entity that has provided valuable support for the Hennepin County Library for over 20 years, as have many local Friends Groups loosely affiliated with HCL and the Foundation; and

Whereas, the Library Board charged its Friends/Foundation Subcommittee with providing information to the Library Board to help frame conversations at future Board meetings on the work being done by our highly-valued partners, The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Foundation and make recommendations if appropriate; and

Whereas, the Subcommittee has worked with representatives from The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Foundation,

Therefore, be it resolved, that

1. There be recognized one HCL system-wide support organization as outlined below.

The organizational structure for the HCL support organization will consist of a Board of Directors, Executive Director and three functional areas (see diagram attached):

- Development/Fundraising
- Programs & Marketing
- Friends/Support Groups with 42 Friends Groups (one for each of the 41 facilities and one online)

It is anticipated that the HCL system-wide support organization would utilize the existing Foundation entity avoiding the creation of a new non-profit (or would choose another name). The Foundation will combine all assets, good will, and traditions of The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and the Hennepin County Foundation building one unified support organization. It is anticipated that The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library would complete the transition by Dec. 31, 2008.

2. In acknowledgement of the importance of local Friends Groups, both for community building and library support, a Friends/Support group should be recognized or established for each of HCL's 41 facilities. In addition, an online Friends/Support group should be launched in recognition of the significant community of online users. HCL will conduct up to ten community conversations throughout the balance of 2008 regarding the interest of neighborhood residents in supporting libraries.
3. Representatives of the Library Board should be made available in the near future to meet with the Boards of Directors from The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library and their membership and the Foundation to present the recommendations and answer questions.

4. The Library Board should review the following HCL policies related to the support organization in the near future:
 - LB Policy 8 - Friends of the Library
 - LB Policy 9 - Donation Policy
 - Library Administrative Policy MC-1 Sale of Withdrawn Library Material
 - Other related HCL, County, and Minneapolis Public Library Board policies

John Gibbs made a motion for the Library Board to approve the resolution which was seconded by Roger Hale. The motion passed.

Hennepin County Library Board	<u>YEA</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>OTHER</u>
John Gibbs	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Holly Guncheon	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Roger Hale	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Patricia Izek	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Jill Joseph	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Claudia Kelly	_____	_____	<u>absent</u>
Kathleen Lamb	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
John Pacheco	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
David Pratt	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Cynthia Steinke	<u> x </u>	_____	_____
Therese Van Blarcom	<u> x </u>	_____	_____

Clerk of the Hennepin County Library Board

This resolution incorporates all amendments adopted at the Hennepin County Library Board meeting August 27, 2008.