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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, October 1, 2009

4:30 PM

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 201

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Maya Cole; Barbara J. Karlen; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Allen A. Arntsen; David L. Wallner and Gregory Markle

Excused: 3 -

Larry Palm; Ann L. Falconer and Theodore C. Widder, III

Also present: Benno, Dimick, Froistad, Lee, Roughen, Sawyer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Cole, to Approve the Minutes of September 3, 2009. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

[16098](#) Gerald Snow Letter

Mr. Snow uses many resources of the library and expressed concern that they should not be reduced.

[16097](#) Letter to Dane County Exec from President Widder

President Widder requested the County Executive fund the Dane County Library Service at the level requested by the Dane County Library Service Board. In order to avoid having the City of Madison support non-Madison residents use of Madison's libraries, this agreement needs to be maintained at 100% of actual costs and a 3% increase in shared delivery contracts is necessary to continue delivery of shared items in Dane County.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Alexandra Richter - Did not wish to speak but supports a community garden on the roof of a new central library.

Stephanie Carnes, Jane Anne Morris, Susan Rosa, and Kevin Schiesser spoke in support of a community rooftop garden. The group met with Ald. Verveer and made a presentation to the Board of Estimates. They will be meeting with Fiore next week to discuss specifics. A rooftop garden would create an innovative resource for all the city, but especially for downtown. There are few garden plots in the Isthmus area, and while the group looked for other sites, the new library site generated the most excitement. A garden would provide social and economic benefits to the community. The group requested time on next month's board agenda to make a full presentation.

5. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Several Library Board sponsored community meetings have taken place at branch libraries re the new Central library. The turn out was small, but thoughtful discussions were had. The eastside alders are holding a meeting Tuesday, Oct. 7 at LaFollette High School to get input on a new Central library and to discuss library plans for future eastside branch libraries.

Ms. Cole met with alders on the near west side. They are mulling over whether they'll have a meeting or not.

The Urban League opening celebration is scheduled for tomorrow from 11:30 - 1:00.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[16114](#) October 2009 Library Director's Report

A motion was made by Arntsen, seconded by Karlen, to Approve the October Director's Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

[16108](#) Financial Statements for August 2009

All accounts are pretty much in balance at this point in time. The M&I Board held endowment account is looking very good.

A motion was made by Arntsen, seconded by Cole, to Accept the August, 2009 Financial Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. APPROVAL OF DANE COUNTY LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

[15910](#)

Application to the Dane County Board for exemption from Dane County Library tax levied under Section 43.64(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Cole, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. APPROVAL OF 2010 SCLS STATUTORY RESOURCE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTARY SERVICES AGREEMENT

[16111](#)

SCLS 2010 Agreements

There are 17 library systems in the State of Wisconsin. Every library has to be a member of a library system. The Statutory and Supplementary Services Agreements for 2010 formalize the relationship between the South Central Library System and MPL in terms of services offered and benefits received. SCLS will reimburse MPL for continuing to oversee Materials in Demand for library users in the entire SCLS service area, as well as providing materials for youth and specialized materials and services for MPL as a resource library for the System. MPL is also paid by SCLS to provide interlibrary loan and backup reference services on behalf of the System.

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Kuczenski, to Approve the 2010 SCLS Statutory Resource Services Agreement and Supplementary Services Agreement. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. FACILITIES UPDATE

Ald. Clausius will be submitting an amendment for the capital improvement program asking for \$750,000 to purchase a site for a new northeast side library in 2013.

It was requested that sometime in the future an agenda item be added to discuss the responsibilities of a library board and how they differ from other boards.

It was suggested that a special meeting be held at the beginning of 2010 for the purpose of long-range planning.

11. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Lakeview Branch is celebrating it's 50th anniversary year. A spoken word competition (Poetry Slam) featuring Madison's poet laureate, Fabu, as emcee, will be held Nov. 14. It will be open to middle school and high school student as well as adults. Modest cash prizes will be awarded.

12. FOUNDATION UPDATE

Invitations to the Conversation and Cocktails event October 24 were distributed.

13. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

The biggest issue facing SCLS now is the Dane County budget. Required cuts to the Dane County budget jeopardize the services libraries in Dane County rely on, including delivery services contracts.

14. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

In answer to what is Dane County Library Service, it offers county-wide library services to areas that don't have a municipal library. They have a bookmobile and a collection. They reimburse county libraries for nonresident usage and fund delivery service throughout the county.

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Arntsen, to Adjourn at 5:12 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.