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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, October 7, 2021

5:00 PM

Meetings held at various library locations.

Present: 7 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Eve Galanter; Michael I. Ford and Jair C. Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Alyssa C. Kenney

Excused: 1 - Juliana R. Bennett

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [67632](#) Public Comment - October 7, 2021

No public comment was made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Lisa Hempstead gave an update on the Director's Evaluation Subcommittee, stating that after the Director's Evaluation Committee resumed last February there was minimal response from stakeholders to the request for input. The committee will be moving on the next evaluation period. Greg Mickells submitted a self-evaluation which could be shared with the board. Eve Galanter stated that sharing the director's self-evaluation would happen during a closed session. Cindy Fesemyer requested the specific month evaluation will be resumed be picked and the board notified.

LIBRARY STAFF REPORT

Tana Elias presented the library mission, vision, values, and strategic lens
Jaime Healy-Plotkin requested a board review of the strategic lens.

2. [67657](#) Madison Public Library's Vision, Mission, Values, & Strategic Lens.

ACTION ITEMS

3. [67629](#) Director's Report - September 2021

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Alvarez, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [67664](#) Approval of resuming in-person Madison Public Library Board meetings beginning on December 2, 2021.

A motion was made by Ford, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve with Amendment that the beginning date be moved to January 6, 2022. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Alyssa C. Kenney

Ayes: 5 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Eve Galanter and Michael I. Ford

Noes: 1 - Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin

Abstentions: 1 - Jair C. Alvarez

Excused: 1 - Juliana R. Bennett

5. [67630](#) 2022 Madison Public Library Operating Calendar

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [67631](#) 2022 Madison Public Library Board Meeting Schedule

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Ford, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [67141](#) Application to the Dane County Board for exemption from Dane County Library Tax Levied under Section 43.57(3) and 43.64(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Hempstead, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [67457](#) Authorize acceptance and appropriation to the 2021 Operating Budget of a Madison Public Library Foundation Grant for Amplifying Community Voices in the amount of \$150,000.

A motion was made by Roorda, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve. The

motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [67227](#) Blanket authorization for acceptance and appropriation of gifts to Madison Public Library between \$10,000 and \$50,000 through fiscal year end December 31, 2022.

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Alvarez, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

10. [67228](#) Approval of the August 2021 Financial Reports

A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Ford, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno gave a report on the ways Facilities used the library's strategic lens in decision making when the choice of continuing renovations in 2018 at Alicia Ashman or switching gears to focus on Goodman South Madison. Having the lens in place made the decision more clear, as well as easier to explain to staff.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Rajesh Rajaraman gave a report on the Wisconsin Book Festival on October 21st with in-person events on Saturday, details can be found on the website. The Foundation has begun its year end appeal and has a \$75,000 matching donation that will be announced on Giving Tuesday. Ex Libris will be at the Central Library and looking for volunteers and silent auction items. All Ex Libris guests, staff, and volunteers must be fully vaccinated.

FRIENDS REPORT

The new Friends' liaison is on vacation, Mark Benno provided an update on the meeting with the Friends groups on September 28th to give the Friends an opportunity to discuss the changes in Friends sales. Going forward, Facilities can support a pop-up sale model meaning a smaller amount of materials going to sites that can fit in a van rather than the large truck, which is highly in demand. For a pop-up sale, Friends would be managing all aspects including transport of materials. Mark is also reviewing with the Friends groups what space they can utilize in LSC. There is an anticipated backlog of donated materials, planning a bulk donation day at LSC to avoid overwhelming branches. The materials will be boxed up and sent to Thrift Books which will pay money for them. Potentially moving to a model where all bulk donations will be dropped off by appointment at LSC. Former book sale models actually cost money, friends are brainstorming other models of support.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reported that SCLS received a loan from the Board of Commissioner of Public Lands. There is still no location but SCLS is working

with the city to finalize one.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that the director check-ins continue and that Sun Prairie Library and MPL are looking at self service models jointly, especially for the library at the imagination center.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Alvarez, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other.