



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, September 6, 2007

4:30 PM

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Carol Carstensen, Tracy K. Kuczenski, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: Larry Palm and Barbara J. Karlen

Excused: Annette Miller

Also Present: Benno, Dimick, Sawyer, Lee, Froistad

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 9, 2007 Minutes were approved.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Falconer, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Karlen arrived at 4:35 p.m.

Present: Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Tracy K. Kuczenski, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: Larry Palm

Excused: Annette Miller

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

President Widder's letter to County Executive Falk requesting reimbursement at 98% of the costs to provide services to nonresidents was distributed.

The mayor's 2008 Executive Capital Budget: The Imagine Madison Projects was also distributed. This calls for Central Library planning in 2009 and construction in 2010 as well as the new South Madison Branch Library at the Villager Mall.

Ms. Dimick indicated the plan being discussed now, which has not been approved, calls for the South Madison Branch Library to be built on the first floor of a separate out building on Park Street. The second floor could be for the Urban League and third floor for Planned Parenthood; this is not finalized yet. The timing for this is still unclear.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

VI. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mr. Markle thanked staff for all the hard work involved in the Pinney Branch renovation. It looks great!

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT

Staff will be monitoring expenditures as we get closer to the end of the year. There is a concern about overspending the salary budget. Last year's carryover was only \$67,000.

ROLL CALL

Ald. Palm arrived at 4:42 p.m.

Present: Larry Palm, Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Tracy K. Kuczenski, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Excused: Annette Miller

Plans for funding the Monroe Street Branch Library upgrade project were discussed. As part of the library's 2008 capital budget request for 2008, a request for \$74,375 was submitted for this project. It was not approved, however. The building is very old and in need of new lighting, ceiling tiles, paint, a new service desk and some furnishings to complete the project. Carpet has already been ordered, but not installed yet. Ms. Dimick is now looking for other ways to fund the project. The Monroe Street Friends group has \$25,000 they would be willing to put toward the project.

Ms. Dimick has approached the Foundation president to see if they might be willing to provide a grant of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Ms. Olson thought this might be possible, but would need Foundation Board approval.

Discussions were held with Comptroller's staff about the library taking the remaining funds needed (\$45,000) from the library's contingency fund. (The library has maintained 5% of the annual city appropriation in a contingency fund for emergencies.) They didn't see a problem with doing this.

Carstensen moved, seconded by Karlen, to take \$45,000 from the contingency fund to complete the project. Discussion followed.

Is there any possibility of redevelopment in the area or moving the branch? There has been some talk about redevelopment of the property including the empty store next door. However, these talks are very preliminary and would be several years before anything was finalized.

It was noted the lighting project would pay for itself in five years. That is one of the costlier components of the renovation.

The above motion was voted on and passed by acclamation.

VIII. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTION

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A resolution regarding 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 Carstensen, seconded by Wallner, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by acclamation.

IX. FRIENDS' UPDATE

The Central Friends' large booksale is schedule for begin October 4.

X. FOUNDATION UPDATE

The Sequoya Capital Campaign has raised \$740,000. Several author fund raising events have been scheduled for the fall. A grant request for \$200,000 from the Madison Community Foundation has been submitted. The Community Foundation thinks the goal will be surpassed and suggested that we not close out the campaign but allow it to continue asking people to give to an endowment for that branch.

XI. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

Mr. Markle is the new representative to the SCLS Board. He attended his first meeting. SCLS is concerned about state funding.

XII. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

There was no report.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no reports.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Wallner, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.