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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, September 1, 2016

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Room 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - James T. Igielski; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Philip C. Grupe and Megan K. Jackson
- Absent:** 2 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Eve Galanter
- Excused:** 1 - Gregory Markle

Also present: Greg Mickells, Dave Gawenda, Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, Mark Benno, Michael Spelman, Marc Gartler

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Tracy Kuczenski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

Barbara Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:04 p.m.

Eve Galanter arrived at 5:07 p.m.

- Present:** 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; James T. Igielski; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Philip C. Grupe; Eve Galanter and Megan K. Jackson
- Excused:** 1 - Gregory Markle

BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

Megan Jackson viewed a SCLS online training video narrated by Pat Wagner. Jackson explained the presentation she watched was about the future and recommended Library Boards focus on three areas: strategic plan, budget and policies. Jackson feels instead of reacting to policy issues that arise the board should focus more on the future and what library services may look like 5 - 10 years from now. Mickells added MPL will be introducing the concept of the strategic lens at staff day and will involve the board as work progresses.

Ald. McKinney reported the first annual West Fest was very successful and thanked MPL for its contributions. The library was very well received and she received many positive comments.

TRUST FUND UPDATE

City Treasurer Dave Gawenda attended the meeting to provide the annual trust fund report. Gawenda explained the trust fund was transferred to US Bank at the end of 2014 to be managed by the City Treasurer's office. The Treasurer has three choices for investing the trust: money market funds, fixed income securities/bonds, and stocks. Gawenda clarified investing in stock equities is not available to the City of Madison funds by statute but he can invest the Library trust fund in stocks which he has done by buying fifty shares of IBM. Gawenda added IBM has a good history of paying dividends and is rated strong financially.

Gawenda compared the fund's 2015 earnings to other benchmarks. In 2015 the State investment pool earned 16 basis points while the City's funds earned 65 basis points. The Library's funds earned 46 basis points but noted that during 2015 the fund had been invested almost entirely in bonds.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[44233](#)

Library Director's Report August 2016

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

Greg Mickells invited the Board to attend Staff Day at the Central Library scheduled for September 15th. Greg gave an update on Pinney and advised City Real Estate is working on a new letter of intent as the previous one has expired due to the delay. The Library has completed interviewing and taste testing caterers. The preferred caterers selected are: Bunky's Cafe, Willy Street Co-op, Heritage Tavern, Gooseberry on the Square, Roman Candle and A La Brasa. Greg reported there is a resolution heading to the City Council to approve the libraries as early voting locations in the City of Madison. Library staff will be trained by Clerk's staff to serve in this role. Greg also shared the Seattle library is using a platform like the Yahara Music Library and Nashville is going live in a couple of weeks. Omaha is working on it and it all started with the Madison Public Library Board.

APPROVAL OF YTD OPERATING BUDGET REPORT THROUGH AUGUST 2016

Susan Lee distributed the July 2016 US Bank Statement.

[44234](#) YTD Budget Report Jan through August 2016

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

[44342](#) US Bank July 2016 Statement

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported the Badger Rd. design process is almost complete. Benno is also working on options for replacing the almost 17 year old roof at Alicia Ashman.

FRIENDS REPORT

Tracy Kuczsenski announced a fundraiser for Pinney at the Barrymore Theater on September 30th.

FOUNDATION REPORT

There was no report.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin discussed the following SCLS recordings link:

<http://www.wistrusteetraining.com/recordings.html>

Healy-Plotkin participated on the Friday program's panel.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.