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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, August 2, 2018

5:00 PM

Goodman South Madison Library, 2222 S. Park St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Philip C. Grupe; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas
Excused: 2 - Lisa C. Hempstead and Jair C. Alvarez

Also present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Ching Wong, Margie Navarre Saaf, Susan Lee, Mark Benno, Terrance Newell, Sarah Lawton, Marc Gartler, Allen Arntsen

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Jaime Healy-Plotkin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Galanter, 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.

BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

Jaime Healy-Plotkin thanked Phil Grupe for his 3 years of service to the board as this is Phil's last meeting. Phil suggested the Madison Public Library research having sister libraries similar to the sister cities program. Greg Mickells will assign staff to look into the idea further and report back to the board.

GOODMAN SOUTH MADISON REPORT

[52740](#) Goodman South Madison Library Presentation to MPL Board

Ching Wong provided information on the Goodman South Madison Library including statistics of the diverse neighborhoods served and she highlighted partnerships such as the Literacy Network, Madison Writing Assistance and Odyssey Junior. Ching also described the remodeling scheduled for the library. She is hoping to meet with more South Madison community organizations and work on connections.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[52610](#) July 2018 Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells introduced Dr. Terrance Newell. Terrance is the new Supervising Librarian at Meadowridge Library. A couple of additions to the director's report included a WORT radio interview regarding a recent Forbes article suggesting Amazon replace public libraries and a Channel 15 tv story on early voting at the library.

APPROVAL OF 2019 SWLS RESOURCE LIBRARY CONTRACT

[52408](#) 2019 Intersystem Resource Library Agreement

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

APPROVAL OF 2018 OPERATING BUDGET REPORTS

[52612](#) 2018 YTD Operating Budget Reports

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

Jaime Healy-Plotkin voiced appreciation to Theresa Bengtson for her work at MPL. Other board members agreed adding Theresa set a high bar and they would like Theresa's financial reports be the recommended report standard for the next accountant and to keep including the key indicators narrative.

APPROVAL OF CAPITAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT

[52611](#) Capital Project Status Report July 2018

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

FINES REPORT

[52753](#) 2018 Fines Report to Library Board

Margie Navarre Saaf reported there was universal support at the SCLS Circulation Services Subcommittee meeting to purge all debt that is over 10 years old and less than \$ 100.00. This applies to 24,700 patrons. The subcommittee wanted other boards to have time to ask questions and will refer this to the ILS Committee for a vote in October.

Margie will provide an updated report in December and would also like the MPL Board to vote on providing one free replacement library card per year to patrons.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno announced the hiring of Kevin Englebert as the Library Planner. Kevin starts work on August 20th. Mark further advised the closure of GSMB will probably be in November not the end of August as previously approved by the board. Vendor orders for carpeting and other flooring are back-ordered due to high construction demands in the area.

FRIENDS REPORT

There was no report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Allen Arntsen reported the Foundation will restart the Pinney campaign in September with a goal to raise another \$ 400,000. The Foundation will have 4 new board members in October.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin and Greg Mickells attended the July All Director's meeting at the Fitchburg Public Library. There are no updates on the PLSR project at this time.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.