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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, December 3, 2020

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin;
Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter;
Michael I. Ford and Jair C. Alvarez

This meeting was held virtually.

Also present: Greg Mickells, Conor Moran, Kristin Wick, Tana Elias, Lori Suiter, Mark Benno, Noel Goeddel, and Isis Newman.

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm

Cindy Fesemeyer arrived at 5:07, Alder Barbara Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:09

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Kenney recused herself from item 5 as she is a employee of the of the Public Service Commission. Fesemeyer recused herself from item 4 since it is her program at DPI.

BOARD EXCHANGE

The board made introductions with the two new members.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Jair Alvarez reported that the committee has sent their revisions to the evaluation to City HR, and they also contacted the director for

recommendations on staff to get the evaluations.

REPORT ON THE 2020 WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL

Wisconsin Book Festival Director Conor Moran provided data regarding the 2020 festival events. Moran stated that there were 7 in person events early in the year and 63 virtual events from April through early December with total live attendance of 11,500 people. Another 3,200 people watched events after the fact.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. [63215](#) Director's Report November 2020

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

- 2. [62006](#) Revisiting file 60707 granting the Library Director discretionary powers to suspend or make small modifications to existing policy due to COVID-19.

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Alvarez, to Discuss and Finalize. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3. [63232](#) Approval of the 2021 Monroe Street Library hours.

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

- 4. [62941](#) Authorizing acceptance and appropriation of a \$1,000 grant to fund programs and materials about East Asia.

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Alvarez, to Approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Michael I. Ford and Jair C. Alvarez

Abstentions: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

- 5. [62946](#) Authorizing acceptance and appropriation of the Focus on Energy rebate for the Relocate Pinney Neighborhood Library project.

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Roorda, to Approve. The motion passed by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Eve Galanter; Michael I. Ford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Jair C. Alvarez

Abstentions: 1 - Alyssa C. Kenney

6. [63139](#) Approval of the monthly October 2020 Financial Reports

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that the Lakeview library front end remodel that was funded by a grant from Cheryl Rosen Weston has 2 of 3 bids in which so far have been under the expected amount. The capital project to convert neighborhood libraries to all LED lights will be getting bids later this month and the Alicia Ashman designs are wrapping up.

FRIENDS REPORT

No report given.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Noel Goeddel reported that the Foundation raised \$41,000 in 4 days for Giving Tuesday and the year-end campaign has a matching \$75,000 donation from an anonymous donar. Ex Libris grossed over \$54,000.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reported that at the all directors meeting they made some short videos to thank library staff for all their work.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

No report given.

ADJOURNMENT

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