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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, September 1, 2022

5:00 PM

Central Library 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 301

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney and Eve Galanter

The meeting was properly noticed and a quorum was present.

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

Library staff present: Greg Mickells, Lori Suiter, Marge Navarre-Saaf, Krissy Wick, Tana Elias, Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Yesianne Ramirez, Isis Newman, Holly Storck-Post, Tina Marie Maes, Athnie McMillan-Comeaux, Savannah Carr, Hannah Majeska

Also present: Jenni Jeffress

Jaime Healy-Plotkin attended the meeting via telephone,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Eve Galanter recognized that this was Jaime Healy-Plotkin's last meeting, and thanked her for her hard work and years of service.

MPL STAFF REPORT:

Savannah Carr (Youth Services Librarian at Goodman South), Athnie McMillan-Comeaux (Youth Services Librarian at Meadowridge), and Hannah Majeska (Community Engagement Librarian at Lakeview) presented on behalf of the library's Pride Affinity group. They reported on the history of the group,

its goals, projects, partnerships and plans for future work with the City's newly created LGBTQIA+ group.

ACTION ITEMS

1. [72922](#) Director's Report - July & August, 2022

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

2. [72338](#) Approval of Library Policy for the Naming of Library Buildings and Interior Spaces.

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

The amendments are as follows: The policy will include the original language of the morality clause and the word "interior" will be removed from the title and other places in the policy.

3. [72893](#) 2023 Intersystem Resource Library Agreement between Madison Public Library and Southwest Wisconsin Library System

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

5. [72917](#) Approval of the June 2022 Financial Reports.

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

6. [72921](#) Approval of the July 2022 Capital Budget Report.

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

7. [73347](#) Approval of the July 2022 Library Financial Reports.

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that the Sequoia Condo Board approved putting in a B-Cycle station on the property.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported on the city-wide book sale which brought in over \$7200. Combined with money from other sales, Friends groups have been able to give away books at Parks Alive events, and knitting books for World Knit Outside Day. Friends groups have been going through some turnover, with long time leaders and members retiring. They are looking into ways to recruit new members. Friends groups are facing an overwhelming amount of material

and are investigating ways to handle the large influx of donations.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Jenni Jeffress provided a report on the Foundation which has concluded a feasibility report from a consultant for the capital campaign for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park. The study included interviews from donors in the community. The result was that they Foundation can move ahead with the capital campaign to raise 4.5 million dollars.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve Galanter provided a report on an SCLS virtual meeting. The discussion centered on the changes in plans for the new SCLS site, a purchase is no longer in the works and they will be leasing the former Lakeland College building. Their staff have made some preliminary walk-through's with consultants and contractors on what will need to be done to make the space fir their needs.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells provided a report on DCLS, saying that the hot topic of discussion has been book banning and that libraries are starting to look more proactively at the issue. Madison is a place that receives relatively few calls for the banning of materials.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm