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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, March 6, 2025

5:00 PM

Sequoia Library

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Plumer B. Lovelace III; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

MPL staff present: Tana Elias, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Molly Warren, Isis Newman, Rachel Davidson, Holly Storck-Post

Also present: Conor Moran

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Garcia, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [87400](#) Public Comment - Madison Public Library Board - March 6, 2025

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

SEQUOYA LIBRARY REPORT

Rachel Davidson provided information on Sequoia Library's statistics and metrics including visits, circulation, computer use, room use, and programming.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Salú García requested that another board member take over SCLS duties, Gen Carter offered to look into if she could fit it in her schedule. Tom DeChant gave Saturday, June 28th as the tentative date for the multi-friends book sale

at LSC. Gen Carter has been involved in planning Lunch for Libraries, board members should contact her or Conor if they want info or to donate.

OPEN MEETINGS LAW PRESENTATION

Isis Newman provided information on State Statutes and Madison General Ordinances as they relate to the Open Meetings Law.

NEW BUSINESS

DIRECTOR EVALUATION SUBCOMMITTEE

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Garcia, to constitute a Director Evaluation Committee with the following members: Lisa Hempstead, Tom DeChant, and Mathias Lemos Castillo. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

2. [87398](#) Director's Report - February 2025

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [87390](#) Approval of the January 2025 Financial Reports.

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

4. [87399](#) Approval of NAMI Central Library Chiller Retrofit Proposal

A motion was made by Lovelace III, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

5. [87401](#) Update to the 2024 DPI Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS

6. [84567](#) Updates on the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park

ONBOARDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Tom DeChant provided a report with suggestions for documentation that would go in a binder and resources that would be provided electronically.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Conor Moran reported on the behalf of the Foundation. Lunch for Libraries will be on April 29, as of the day of the meeting 750 tickets had been sold. Dr. Abraham Verghese will be the featured author. The event will benefit the Wisconsin Book Festival and library programming. The Foundation is hiring a Communications Manager.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported on the various updates to Sequoya including the meeting room improvements to audio and zoom capabilities. Since it is a very busy library, improvements and renovations happen in stages, rather than all at once.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Salúd García attended Wisconsin Lobby Day and heard much in support of libraries, including from the Senate president.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:48pm