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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, November 7, 2019

5:00 PM

Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave.

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 5 - Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney and Jair C. Alvarez
- Absent:** 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead
- Excused:** 3 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas

**Eve Galanter called into the meeting to participate however the connection was lost.**

**Also present: Tanya Salman, John Schmitt, Michael Spelman, Jane Jorgenson, Susan Lee, Krissy Wick, Margie Navarre Saaf, Mark Benno, Tana Elias**

**A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.**

**Jaime Healy-Plotkin called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

**[58038](#)** October 2019 Director's Report

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

**Greg Mickells participated by phone. He stated the Common Council will start budget deliberations on November 12th. Mickells requested Central Library Supervisor Michael Spelman describe a new pilot program regarding personal belongings which may eventually require a change in the behavioral policy adopted by the Board. Spelman explained the current policy limits customers to two bags and it is being found to be too restrictive. Central will pilot a program allowing patrons to have three large bags or one forty gallon tote size bag.**

**Lisa Hempstead arrived at 5:20 p.m.**

- Present:** 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney and Jair C. Alvarez

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jon Becker registered to speak and shared his concerns regarding the potential siting of the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park.

**DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS**

There were no disclosures or recusals.

**BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin shared she is hosting COLAND (Council on Library and Network Development) at the WI State Law Library tomorrow. Alyssa Kenney gave a shout-out to Eve Galanter who was featured in an Isthmus article regarding the Wisconsin Civics Games and to Cindy Fesemyer who was featured in the WI Examiner regarding her work with the Census.

Cindy Fesemyer noted the Book Festival had a lovely launch at the kick off event featuring Veronica Rueckert .

**LAKEVIEW LIBRARY REPORT**

Lakeview Supervising Librarian Jane Jorgenson spoke. Jorgenson provided demographics of the Lakeview neighborhood and an update on staff. She noted an 80% turnover in staff during the last year stating it was hard in the short term but the long term has resulted in new staff who are engaged, energetic, enthused and excited. In particular, Jorgenson highlighted the work of new Teen Services Librarian Robin Amado.

Accountant Lori Suiter participated by phone answering questions for agenda items number 8 through 11.

**APPROVAL OF 3RD QUARTER 2019 BUDGET PROJECTION REPORTS**

[58003](#) 2019 3rd QTR Budget Projection

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

**APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET REPORTS**

[58005](#) Operating Budget Reports as of October 24, 2019

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

**APPROVAL OF QUARTERLY CAPITAL BUDGET REPORT**

[58000](#) Capital Project Report as of October 24, 2019

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

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION DONATIONS FOR NEW PINNEY LIBRARY**

[57991](#) MPLF Donation Commitment

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

**APPROVAL OF E-MAIL FROM LIBRARY BOARD TO MAYOR SATYA RHODES-CONWAY AND MADISON COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING 2020 EXECUTIVE OPERATING BUDGET**

[57993](#) Library Board e-mail regarding 2020 Budget support

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

**FACILITIES REPORT**

Facilities Manager Mark Benno reported winter preparations have started a month early this year. Benno wanted to clarify that soil samples are being done at Reindahl for possible location sites and for geo thermal. Benno stated there are persistent leaks in the shell on the north face of the new Pinney building over the children's area which are being worked on by Ruedebusch. Planning has started for Lakeview renovations and a furniture order totaling \$ 35,000 has been placed for Alicia Ashman.

**FOUNDATION REPORT**

Tanya Salman reported the Pinney Gala is scheduled for February 29, 2020 and Ex Libris is happening tomorrow on November 8th. The silent auction is on the MPLF website. Lunch for Libraries is not scheduled yet.

**FRIENDS REPORT**

Krissy Wick reported the Sequoya Friends have moved into their new space.

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin shared the SCLS board submitted a letter regarding the MacMillan eBook boycott.

**DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS PER ANNUAL MEETING REQUIREMENTS**

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Alvarez to elect Jaime Healy-Plotkin as President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Hempstead to elect Jair Alvarez as Vice-President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Alvarez to elect Cindy Fesemyer as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.