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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 7, 2023

5:00 PM

201 W. Mifflin St. Rm. 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

Jolynne Roorda and Mathias Lemos Castillo attended via telephone.

MPL staff present. Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Tana Elias, Susan Lee, Molly Warren, Mark Benno, Lori Suiter, Isis Newman.

Also present: Erin Hillson, Otis Harris, Tanya Salman, Kathy Michaelis

Present: 7 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Thomas A. DeChant

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Cindy Fesemyer disclosed that she may be applying for the position of Library Director and will recuse herself from voting on any matters of the recruitment process.

PRESENTATION FROM THE CARE PLAN

1. [79681](#) Discussion: Vision and Priorities for Strategic Plan

ACTION ITEMS

2. [79673](#) Director's Report - August, 2023

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

3. [79570](#) Approval of the July 2023 Financial Reports

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

4. [79680](#) Application to the Dane County Board for exemption from Dane County Library tax levied under Section 43.57(3) and 43.64(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

5. [79683](#) Approval of the next steps in the hiring process of the Library Director

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Hempstead, to Discuss and continue. The motion passed by the following vote:

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to create a recruitment committee composed of up to 3 MPL Board members, 1 MPLF staff member, 1 library stakeholder/partner, and a rep from SCLS. The motion passed by the following vote:

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Hempstead, to search for and hire a recruiter. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 1 - Thomas A. DeChant

Ayes: 6 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Abstentions: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that he has met with the vendors for the LED lighting upgrade for Goodman South. The upgrades to the community rooms at Goodman South and Sequoya are almost done including new AV which will give them fully functional hybrid meeting capacity. Work on the patio at Pinney continues.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported that there has not been a lot of summer activity since the big book sale which netted \$847 per friends group. She finished info gathering sessions with groups and sent the findings to MPLF, including a position description for the Friends Coordinator. The book sale was not started as part of the coordinator role and a decision needs to be made if the two should be kept together. The biggest issue that has been resolved is organization at the Library Support Center.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Tanya Salman, the current VP and future President of the of the MPLF Board reported that the schedule for the 4-day Wisconsin Book Festival celebration has been released and can be found on the Foundation website. Ex Libris will

be on November 3rd at Central, tickets are now on sale. The MPLF Board is going through its annual transition with 5 members rotating off and 5 more joining. The capital cabinet for the Imagination Center at Reindhal Park is forming now.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

The Madison Public Library Board requires a representative to attend the SCLS Board meetings.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells had no report but did briefly discuss the signing of the Dane County Standards resolution that the board passed in August.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL RELATED ISSUES

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Madison, to move into close session. The motion passed by voice vote/other

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

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Absent: 1 - Thomas A. DeChant

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:43pm.