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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, January 9, 2014

4:30 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Room 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Larry Palm; Nancy L. Kieraldo; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Tracy K. Kuczynski; Rissel Sanderson; David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Excused: 1 -

Sheri Carter

Also Present: Greg Mickells, Michael Spelman, Mark Benno, Deb Lehnerr, Sarah Lawton, Kate Odahowski, Carol Froistad, Marc Gartler

Tripp Widder called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There was none.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was none.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[32664](#)

December 2013 Library Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells explained the HR engagement scores. Greg announced that MPL employee Krissy Wick has been selected to serve on the 2014-2015 WI Children's Book award committee and the Bubbler crew was tapped for photos for a presentation at the upcoming VALA2014 conference. VALA is the largest peer-reviewed library technology conference in Australia. It takes place in Melbourne from 3-6 February 2014. Also, Pinney Library received some nice coverage from the Cap Times for their recent 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program kickoff.

Greg announced he has a meeting on Monday with Matt Younkle from Murfie. Murfie and MPL are working on a collaborative project named the Yahara Local Music Project. This project would develop software to allow patrons to access albums by local artists in a database and could be a model that other libraries may potentially use. Greg asked the board if they would consider a proposal to use \$ 80,000.00 from the endowment fund for initial costs. Tripp Widder asked the board if anyone has any serious philosophical objections to using the endowment funds for this purpose and there were no objections voiced. MPL is developing a business model and Greg will present a formal request with more details to the board at a future meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MEADOWRIDGE NAMING SCHEDULE

[32665](#)

Proposed Meadowridge Branch Named Gift Opportunities

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

UPDATE ON IMPACT FEES - SUSAN LEE

Greg Mickells discussed impact fees with the board as Susan Lee was unable to attend the meeting. Greg stated that MPL staff feels the library needs more of a game plan and more time to research this topic. Greg would like the new Library Planning and Construction Coordinator position to include these duties. Tripp Widder agreed that this makes sense. The rest of the Board voiced agreement.

APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[32746](#)

November 2013 Financial Statements

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

UPDATE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY

Mark Benno communicated that the six month warranty review was held yesterday. The biggest issue is with the floor on the third floor. Additionally, the main entry way entrance flooring is failing. The recent cold stress tested the building and the building performed spectacularly. Greg Mickells will be sending an e-mail to the board with updated visitor count information. The City Attorney's office has advised the library that the Bubbler may be used as a polling location as long as Mary Burke's name is covered on election day.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported the branches all performed well during the recent polar vortex. He gave credit to MPL staff member Chuck Bowe for the preventative maintenance done in October and November. Bids will be opened tomorrow for the Meadowridge project. There were six bidders. Mark will have more information at next month's meeting.

FRIENDS REPORT

There was no report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Tripp Widder stated the Foundation continues to work with the various Friends' groups to integrate the groups under the umbrella of the Foundation.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

[32848](#) SCLS December 2013 Board Report

Sheri Carter provided the SCLS December Board report via e-mail as she was unable to attend the meeting.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was no report.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.