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Report to the Library Board September, 2008

Agenda items for this meeting:

- 1) Report on 2008-2009 Library Bargaining agreements. Mike Deiters, Labor Relations
- 2) Approval of the Dane County Library Tax Exemption. Each year, in order to qualify for exemption from the Dane County Library tax, all Dane County Libraries are required to authorize that their library's municipality provides sufficient funding for their library -- to equal not less than an average of the last three years.
- 3) Approval of proposed changes to the Library Meeting Room policy (in your packet) in order to allow for a more convenient reservation process for group meetings.
- 4) Request to Madison Public Library Foundation for funds, as follows:
 - 2008 MPLF grant requests:
 - \$12,000 for updates/improvements to MPL's external and internal web pages.
 - \$ 5,000 for increasing collection of audiobooks for all ages.
 - 2009 MPLF grant requests (as of September, 1, 2008):
 - \$19,000 to fund opening the new Sequoya Branch Library on 28 Sundays in 2009.
 - \$15,000 to fund Madison Public Library's 2009 Summer Reading Program.

The above grant requests represent a change in how we work with the MPLF. We will now submit our recommendations for Foundation annual grants to the Library Board for approval before those requests are submitted to the Foundation and their approval process. This is a more deliberative process for us, as we plan for our short- and long-term library program and service needs based on the Library's strategic initiatives. Requests for help with major library capital (building) projects will also be approved by the Library Board before they are submitted for consideration to the MPLF Board.

5) Capital Budget -- Sequoya Branch

The new Sequoya Branch should be completed sometime in mid- to- late-October, and we still hope to open in November. There have been the inevitable glitches as this project has moved along, as well as unexpected cost increases. Current accounting has the project over budget. As a result, the Board needs to seek approval from the City Council to authorize additional funding for the new Sequoya Branch Library. One source of funds for this requested reauthorization would involve using Sequoya Branch pledged receivables (future pledges received by the Foundation for the new Branch). Therefore, we also need to submit an official request to the Madison Public Library Foundation for those additional funds. (Updated accounting for the new Sequoya Branch will be available at the meeting, for your information.) In the same Council reauthorization request we will include authorizing the expenditure of the gift from Madison Gas and Electric for Sequoya of \$100,000, which, although it has been received by the City, has not been authorized for expenditure by the City Council. (And, not to worry. I have been *authorized* to submit this Report.)