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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, December 7, 2023

5:00 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St, Rm 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Salud B. Garcia; Genevieve A. Carter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed. Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Jolynne Roorda, Cindy Fesemyer, and Lisa Hempstead attended via telephone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant, 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 intends to apply for the director position and will recuse herself from any actions or discussions related to recruitment.

BOARD EXCHANGE

The board welcomed two new members and said goodbye to Cindy Fesemyer.

NEW BUSINESS

1. [81057](#) Director's Report - November, 2023

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

2. [81058](#) Approval of the 2024 Dane County Walk-In Contract

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

- 3. [81086](#) Approval of Named Gift Opportunities for the Imagination Center at Reindahl Park
A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Garcia, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 4. [81087](#) Approval of the Madison Public Library Strategic Plan
This Report was Discuss and continue

- 5. [80561](#) Approval of the October 2023 Capital Budget Report.
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 6. [81046](#) Approval of the October 2023 Financial Reports.
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Hempstead to elect Alyssa Kenney as President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Fesemyer to elect Mathias Lemos Castillo as Vice-President. Lemos Castillo declined the nomination. A motion was made to nominate Hempstead as Vice President. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by Kenney, to elect Mathias Lemos Castillo as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The job posting closes on December 18th and the screening panel has been formed. The first round of interviews will hopefully take place in early February.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that there will be a new Custodial Worker 2 at Central starting soon. When Central opened it only had 3 custodial workers but the new building was much bigger than the old and two hourly positions were created but these were not very equitable positions as they were lower pay for similar work and without permanent employee benefits so they were replaced with a permanent part-time 60% CW2 position.

FRIENDS REPORT

No report

FOUNDATION REPORT

Jane Rotonda, Wisconsin Book Festival Director, reported on the 2023 Wisconsin Book Festival. WBF hosted 91 total events with 37 stand-alone and 54 during fall celebration which is a concentrated period of time with back to back author book talks. the 2023 WBF had 11,235 attendees, 8,235 of which were from the stand-alone events. The Fall Celebration drew over 3,000 people. These numbers are back to pre-pandemic levels. WBF hosted the 12th annual Lunch for Libraries which is a fundraising event that was attended by a record-breaking 712 attendees. There was an 8% increase in funds raised over 2022.

This year there was more focus on in-person events but there were still some great virtual events, one of note was Ntozake Shange's posthumously released *Sing a Black Girl's Song* which was attended by people all over the country.

WBF has seen growth in its younger audience, nearly doubling in ages 19-24 as well in the 25-34 audience.

Courtesy of MPLF and private gifts and grants WBF gave away around 4,700 books throughout the year.

WBF visited 9 schools this year, reaching 945 students, and gave away 1,100 books.

The 22nd Fall Celebration was October 19-22 with 54 events, 60 authors, 3,000 attendees and 65 volunteers. All these numbers are up significantly from 2022 and there was tons of social media engagement which is good to see as it broadens the reach of the festival. Free coffee was provided on the Saturday of the celebration which created a really good way to connect with attendees.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Greg Mickells recently attended the all-directors meeting with SCLS, which is also looking for a new director. The meeting addressed elements of their budget which included discussion of delivery schedules which could save MPL money as well.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Mickells reported that DCLS is still discussing the formula for the walk-in contract.

ADJOURNMENT

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