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Meeting Minutes - Draft MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, September 2, 2010

4:30 PM

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 201

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Present: 7 - Beth Moss; Barbara J. Karlen; Gregory Markle; Larry Palm; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Ann L. Falconer and David L. Wallner

Excused: 2 - Allen A. Arntsen and Theodore C. Widder, III

Also present: Dimick, Sawyer, Froistad, Benno, Lee, Gartler, Roughen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Karlen, to Approve the Minutes of August 5, 2010. The motion passed by the following vote: 4 aye, 0 no, 3 abstain, and 2 absent.

Excused: 2 - Allen A. Arntsen and Theodore C. Widder, III

Ayes: 4 - Barbara J. Karlen; Gregory Markle; Ann F. Falconer and David L. Wallner

Abstentions: 3 - Beth Moss; Larry Palm and Tracy K. Kuczenski

3. CORRESPONDENCE

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Laurel Norris Bacque Letter

Ms. Norris Bacque commented that there is often a bad atmosphere outside the library--panhandling and harassment of citizens. This is a behavior issue; appropriate action in the form of police calls is taken if reported to staff.

The architects are aware of the problem and will make every effort to alleviate it in the new design.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Thor Backus an organizer from AFSCME Council 40 reported that he thinks they will soon be representing the Madison Public Library hourly staff (Library Pages). An election for representation is expected in about a month. The Library Pages initiated an organizing campaign because of concerns and uncertainties related to the renovation of the Central Library. Mr. Backus' goal was to start a dialogue to help address worker's concerns such as: how will Pages work schedules be impacted during the renovation process? Are there any support systems being planned for those workers? What is the timeline on the notice of cutbacks, will Pages be eligible for unemployment, will cutbacks be evenly meted and how long can they anticipate cutbacks? He asked that if current renovation plans call for large-scale mechanizing, the library board consider the adverse economic effects this may have to the Madison community.

5. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

[19618](#) "Beyond the Stacks" Article

The article "Beyond the Stacks" was for information only.

6. ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[19772](#) September 2010 Director's Report

A motion was made by Kuczenski, seconded by Falconer, to Accept the September 2010 Director's Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

[19782](#) Financial Statements August 2010

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Markle, to Accept the August 2010 Financial Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

It was noted that the library is on track at this time.

8. DANE COUNTY WALK-IN PAYMENT EXPLANATION

[19752](#) Dane County Library Service Reimbursement Formulas

The walk-in reimbursement formula is very complicated. The attachment was

included to explain the financial relationship between County library taxpayers, municipal library tax payers, and who gets reimbursed for use by how much. The decrease in payment for next year is based on the fact that Fitchburg will be opening its own library in 2011 and their residents won't be paying the Dane County tax in 2011. Ms. Dlmick emphasized that the figure in the 2011 budget is an estimate only. The Dane County Library Service doesn't know how much it will get as a result of Dane County Library Board and County Executive budget deliberations and we don't know how the cross municipal usage will change. The loss in revenue may not be as large as estimated when all is said and done. It was noted that there was no change in the formula from previous years.

9. APPROVAL OF CRITERIA FOR NEW BRANCH DEVELOPMENT

[19623](#)

MPL Criteria for New Branch Development

The changes that were discussed at a previous meeting were incorporated into the new MPL Criteria for New Branch Development.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Markle, to Approve the MPL Criteria for New Branch Development. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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Guidelines for Entering into Agreements on Behalf of Madison Public Library

These are guidelines for Real Estate to use and can be modified as situations arise. No action was needed.

10. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SHARED AUTOMATED RESOURCES SYSTEM

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Addendum to Agreement to Participate in a Shared Automated Resources System

The recent changes in the South Central governance structure resulted in a new contract approved by the MPL Board on November 5, 2009. Subsequently, a special SCLS workgroup was formed to "determine a way to charge for existing and future System services in the most equitable way. It was determined that participating libraries would pay the same amount in 2011 that they paid in 2010 and that a new formula would be developed for 2012. This Addendum reflects this decision.

A motion was made by Markle, seconded by Palm, to Approve the Addendum to Agreement to Participate in a Shared Automated Resources System. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

11. APPROVAL OF INTERSYSTEM RESOURCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN LIBRARY SYSTEM

[19626](#)

Intersystem Resource Library Agreement Between Madison Public Library and Southwest WI Library System

There is no library in the Southwest Library System large enough to act as a resource library to meet the requirements of Sections 43.15, 43.16 and 43.24(2) (b) of the State Statutes. MPL annually agrees to provide these services to them for a fee.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Karlen, to Approve the Intersystem Resource Library Agreement between Madison Public Library and Southwest Wisconsin Library System. Motion pass by voice vote/other.

12. APPROVAL OF DANE COUNTY LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTION RESOLUTION

[19746](#)

Application to the Dane County Board for exemption from Dane County Library tax levied under Section 43.64(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Kuczynski, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the BOARD OF ESTIMATES. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

13. SCHEDULE MEETING WITH CENTRAL LIBRARY ARCHITECTS

MS&R Architects would like to share their early schematic concepts and get feedback from the Library Board and the Foundation Board at a meeting scheduled for September 29 at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

14. UPDATE ON HAWTHORNE SHOPPING CENTER PARKING LOT DEVELOPMENT

Ald. Palm met with the developer and Traffic Engineering. The exits from the shopping center onto E. Washington Avenue are issues. The neighborhood also had issues with Hermina Street; those, however are not substantiated by statistics. A traffic study will have to be completed and brought back to the city before any action will be taken.

15. APPOINT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Markle to appoint Beth Moss as MPL's representative to the South Central Library Board. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

16. FACILITIES REPORT

Central Library - Negotiations are ongoing for the space at the ATT building.

South Madison - The building is coming along very nicely. We are planning on a "soft" opening on Columbus Day, October 11. A grand opening celebration will be scheduled sometime in November.

17. FRIENDS REPORT

The Central Friends worked cooperatively with Youth Services staff, Jane Roughen and Jesse Vieau to conduct mini book sales on the patio of the Central Library four Saturdays this summer. Twelve teenagers from area high schools were recruited to run the sale and they cleared a total of \$817.00. The proceeds will go to the Central Library capital campaign.

18. FOUNDATION REPORT

Initial interviews for Executive Director will be conducted in mid-September. The Elizabeth Moon Proctor Scholarship award reception for Kia Vang will be held Saturday, September 25 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lakeview Branch Library. Board members are invited to attend.

19. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Report [19754](#) South Central Library System Report

Report is for information only - no action taken.

20. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Dane County Library Service is also negotiating for space with ATT. Because there will be no space in the new Central Library to house the bookmobile, they will be looking for permanent space elsewhere.

21. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Karlen, seconded by Markle, to adjourn at 5:25 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.