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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, February 23, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5pm.

MPL staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, Tana Elias, Mark Benno, Jane Jorgenson, Molly Warren, Yesianne Ramirez, Lori Suiter, Rynn Kerkhove, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Jen Hannon, Kathy Michaelis

Present: 8 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Yeonhee Cheong and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [76378](#) Public Comment, Madison Public Library Board, February 23, 2023

No comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

The library board agreed to move meetings at Central Library to a smaller conference room.

MPL STAFF REPORT

Rynn Kerkhove, Library Planner, gave a presentation on the West Side Strategic Plan process which covers the areas of Madison served by Monroe

Street, Goodman South, Sequoya, Meadowridge, and Alicia Ashman libraries. Rynn discussed the goals of the plan which include learning from data as well as community input what is going well in west side services and what needs improvement. She also showed the board the Tell Us! packets distributed by the library which are an important part of getting community feedback.

NEW BUSINESS

2. [76241](#) Director's Report - January & February, 2023
A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [76245](#) 2022 DPI Report
A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Cheong, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [76164](#) Approval of amending the Madison Public Library's 2022 Operating Budget by transferring \$50,000 of Library's supplies budget to the purchased services budget.
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [76192](#) Approval of the preliminary December 2022 Financial Reports.
A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [76196](#) Approval of the January 2023 Financial Reports
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
7. [76301](#) Approval of the capital budget report.
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
8. [76242](#) Approval of the 2024 Event Pricing
A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Bennett, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
9. [76243](#) Approval to close all Madison Public Libraries on September 14, 2023 for Staff Day.
A motion was made by Cheong, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
10. [76244](#) Approval to revise the 2023 Madison Public Library Board meeting schedule to add a special meeting in April.

A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Fesemyer, to Approve adding an as-needed, virtual meeting on April 13th, 2023. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that the library has started to examine how the usage of the book drop system at Pinney is not optimal and ways it could be improved, as well as altering the patio since it is not holding up well. The library will be putting the re-design of the book drop and patio will be put out to bid soon. The deadline for getting an architect engaged and paid is September 23, 2023.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaeli shared that the Friends groups are in early stages of planning for the 2023 All-City Book sale in June. Kathy has finished meeting with Friends groups as part of an operational improvement process and compiled a report on clarifying point of confusion about relationships and operational workings. The Friends groups will also be looking at ways to unify the storage space at the Library Support Center so there are not 9 separate storages paces.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Jen Hannon reported for the Foundation and provided information about the new Wisconsin Book Festival Director, Jane Rotonda. At the January Foundation meeting the grants committee approved money for collections, grants, and professional development. The Foundation is planning work days at each library.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve Galanter reported that the SCLS board did walk throughs of the new building with potential bidders and that the project will go out to bid soon.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells spoke during his director's report about the proposed changes to DCLS' funding formulas.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.