City of Madison

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, June 1, 2023   **5:00 PM**   **Goodman South Library, 2222 S. Park St.**

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Sabrina V. Madison; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Excused: 1 - Yeonhee Cheong

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Lisa Hempstead called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Jolynne Roorda, Cindy Fesemyer, and Alyssa Kenney attended via telephone.

MPL staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Tana Elias, Ching Wong, Mark Benno, Marc Gartler, Annie Weatherby-Flowers, Lori Suiter, Isis Newman, Holly Storck-Post, Tina Marie Maes, Isabel Chiriboga-Pineda, Avery Bluey

Also present: Kathy Michaelis, Brigid Eliott-Boger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BANNING APPEAL OF ROBYN BOECK

No appeal to the ban was made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Mathias Lemos Castillo invited the board and library staff to attend the Triangle Resident picnic/block party from 11am-1pm on Saturday June 3rd. The event will feature Our Triangle, an activity based on Our Town and assisted by the

Bubbler.

MPL STAFF REPORT

Annie Weatherby-Flowers, the library's Community Engagement Coordinator, presented on Community Engagement at the library. Annie discussed what Community Engagement is, how it works, and its alignment with the library's mission, vision, values, and strategic lens. Annie explained how library staff built and use PINDEX, a tool for maintaining and tracking community partners. Out of this project came a system-wide budget that helps ensure funds are used most effectively in regards to community engagement.

ACTION ITEMS

1.   **78081**   Director's Report - May, 2023

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

2.   **78082**   Approval of the 2024 Agreement to Participate in SCLS Technology Services

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

3.   **76988**   Approval to adopt ~~the following policy: All Madison Public Library locations will close when City offices close due to inclement weather.~~ attached policy proposal.

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

4.   **77597**   Approval of 2023 Operating Budget transfer of $85,380.87 between major accounts.

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

5.   **78052**   Approval of the April 2023 Financial Reports.

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

6.   **78056**   Approval of the final 2022 Financial Reports.

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

FACILITIES REOPRT

Mark Benno reported that system-wide libraries are staying cool with some work needing to be done at Sequoya. Focusing on Goodman South Madison Library (SMB), Mark stated that as of October 2022 SMB has a hybrid virtual/in-person meeting room and there are plans to upgrade the Community Room over the summer which will be funded by the Foundation. VR headsets

are being bought for teen programming, new gates have been installed and SMB now has a iPad kiosk. It is the last library to get an LED lighting upgrade, the project is out to bid and is expected to be completed in 2024. SMB had major renovations done in 2019 and there is still some work to be done on the floors.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported on the all Friends book sale coming up this Saturday, June 3rd from 9am-3pm at the Library Support Center. The bag sale will go from 1pm-3pm. Leftover materials will go to Thrift Books, any proceeds from those materials will be split among the Friends groups.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Briged Eliott-Boger reported on behalf of the Foudnation. Donor restricted gifts and grants from May include, $100,000 from Roots & Wings to support early childhood programming, $25,000 from Pleasant Rowland Foundation to support Wisconsin Book Festival, $5,000 from Jane Doughty to support Artists-in-the-Libraries Summer Residencies, $4,000 from Cap Times Kids Fund to support Making Justice.

In May, the grants committee approved two grants to the library: $35,000 to support phase one of the library's strategic plan and $9,500 to support two AASPIRE interns working in the library's marketing department

There were five Wisconsin Book Festival events in May drawing over 600 attendees. The next big marquee event is a collaboration with A Room of One's Own and will feature actor Elliott Page talking about his memoir, Pageboy, at the Barrymore Theater on June 12. For more information, visit www.wisconsinbookfestival.org.

The foundation is celebrating its 30th birthday this July, and we'll be celebrating at all nine library locations on Tuesday, July 11 from 2-5 p.m. At each library, foundation staff and board will be on site hosting a table with free cookies and a few celebratory activities. Please plan to visit your favorite library to say hello.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve Galanter reported that the SCLS transfer has been shifted a month later to the end of June as there were issues with City permits.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that the last gathering for Dane County Librarians had a lot of discussion about book bans with Waunakee recently facing some challenges. It is a continued topic of discussion for the DCLS librarians.

ADJOURNMENT

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