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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, October 5, 2023

5:00 PM

201 W. Mifflin St. Rm 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Alyssa Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:02pm.

MPL staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, Molly Warren, Tana Elias, Marc Gartler, Mark Benno, Isis Newman, Lori Suiter.

Also present: Jacqueline Boyd, Tom Kuplic, Kathy Michaelis, Erin Hillson.

Present: 5 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Lemos Castillo, 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 may apply for the position of Library Director and will abstain from any action related to the hiring process.

BOARD EXCHANGE

1. [79681](#) Discussion: Vision and Priorities for Strategic Plan

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

NEW BUSINESS

2. [79684](#) Director's Report - September, 2023

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

- 3. [80126](#) Approval of the August 2023 Financial Reports.

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

- 4. [79683](#) Approval of the next steps in the hiring process of the Library Director

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to Discuss and continue with the amendment to hire Bradbury Miller Associates per their proposal to conduct the recruitment of the Library Director in conjunction with City HR. The motion passed by the following vote.

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

Ayes: 4 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Abstentions: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

- 5. [79680](#) Application to the Dane County Board for exemption from Dane County Library tax levied under Section 43.57(3) and 43.64(2) Wisconsin Statutes.

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Lemos Castillo, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 6. [80154](#) Approval of the 2024 Library Operating Calendar

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

- 7. [80155](#) Approval of the 2024 Madison Public Library Board meeting schedule

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant, to Approve with the request that the board meet at Neighborhood Libraries quarterly. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that he as met with the contractor who had bid for the Goodman South LED lighting upgrade.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported that there had been a lot of end of summer/early fall book sales which have brought in money for some branches. Goodman South Friends are developing their own website. There was a very successful Books with Your Beer fundraiser at the Olbrich Bier Garten. Coffee at Pinney has become so popular they had to up to 3 pots. The Hawthorne Friends group is sadly very low on members and not able to function. Library management is working on options to keep it going.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Tom Kuplic reported on behalf of the Foundation. Tom updated on the Wisconsin Book Festival which recently had a donor thank you event featuring Joyce Carol Oates and another event planned next week. The WBF is October 19-22. The Foundation is in the late stages of planning Ex Libris.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve Galanter provided her last report as the MPL Board representative to the SCLS board. She emailed the following to share with the MPL board.

I attended the September meeting of the South Central Library Services board on the next to last day of my extended term as the representative of the MPL board to their board.

In addition to an agenda containing regular financial reports and an update on the new SCLS headquarters (a tour of which I unfortunately missed), the big news was that their longtime director, Marty Van Pelt, publicly announced her plans to retire in February 2024 (twining with Greg!). So yes, I shared Greg's announcement of his planned retirement with their board.

Discussion of a national search process ensued for the remainder of the meeting, including a desire to have an MPL staff member serve on their search committee. I'm assuming this request has already been relayed. Of note is that they have a binder dating back to 2010 with detailed notes of the search process used in hiring Marty and they plan to use it with some updates.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

No report.

CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS

A motion was made by Lemos Castillo, seconded by DeChant, to go into closed session. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

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

Present: 5 - Sabrina V. Madison; Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Absent: 1 - Jolynne M. Roorda

Excused: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.