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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, April 3, 2014

4:30 PM

Central Library, 201 W. Mifflin St., Room 104

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 -

Larry Palm; Nancy L. Kieraldo; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Tracy K. Kuczenski; Sheri Carter; David L. Wallner; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Excused: 1 -

Rissel Sanderson

Also present: Dave Gawenda, Tom Campbell, Deb Lehnherr, Mark Benno, Alice Oakey, Greg Mickells, Marc Gartler, Michael Spelman, Carol Froistad, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Susan Lee

Tripp Widder called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There was none.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Tripp Widder announced that he and Dave Wallner will be completing their service to the board on June 30th. The Mayor's office has been notified to appoint two new board members. Tripp asked that any board members contact him if they are interested in serving as President or Vice-President.

DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES FOR BMO INVESTMENT ACCOUNT WITH CITY TREASURER DAVE GAWENDA

Dave Gawenda outlined three alternatives for the Library Board's consideration regarding the BMO investment account:

1. Maintain the status quo. The fund has performed reasonably well but it is not a major account for BMO and would not be managed locally.
2. Move the account to U.S. Bank. U.S. Bank is the working bank of the City of Madison and would charge less to service the account than BMO. There would also be a reasonable expectation that a trust officer would come to an annual library board meeting to review the account as they are local.
3. Have the account managed by the City of Madison. The account would be in a low cost good mutual fund and the library board would have access to the City Treasurer. This option would require Dave Gawenda to speak to Dave Schmiedicke, Finance Director, to confirm that the Finance Dept. would be willing to process the accounting functions and issue quarterly reports.

The consensus of the board was to explore moving the funds to the City of Madison based on the response of the City of Madison Finance Director and the cost, if any, of a transfer fee by BMO Harris.

This will be an agenda item for approval at the May 1, 2014 Library Board meeting.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Greg Mickells announced that there is now a signed contract between MPL and Murfie and the Yahara Music Library will roll out soon. A Library Journal reporter has contacted Greg regarding the community kitchen planned for Meadowridge. Additionally the "Love at the Library" story went national on the Urban Library newsletter. Greg also advised that he has received a public records request which has been forwarded to the City Attorney's office.

[33558](#) March 2014 Library Director's Report

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

APPROVAL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2014 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

[33548](#) January and February 2014 Financial Statements

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Palm, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

UPDATE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY

Mark Benno advised that the third floor is now properly finished and will be receiving new caulk. Findorff will replace some of the squares that were damaged during the construction wrap up. The main entrance vestibule has been replaced under warranty and there will soon be a nine month warranty walk through of the building scheduled.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported that Meadowridge construction was beginning and August 15th is the targeted date for the opening of the library. A report is due soon from the mechanical engineers regarding the HVAC system work at the Alicia Ashman library.

FRIENDS REPORT

There was no report.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Tripp Widder distributed the Central Campaign Financial Summary hand-out to the board members. He explained that if all pledges are paid there will be an endowment of \$ 114,865 established for the Central library.

[33711](#) Central Campaign Financial Summary

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Sheri Carter stated there have been some retirements from the SCLS board but SCLS is fine financially and has hired an intern. Jaime Healy-Plotkin will begin to attend these meetings as the Madison Public Library Board representative.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was no report.

APPROVAL OF RECOGNITION OF CAROL FROISTAD'S SERVICE TO MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY

[33545](#) C. Froistad Recognition

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.