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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, October 5, 2017

5:00 PM

Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point Rd.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Joseph G. Rosas and Jair C. Alvarez

Absent: 1 - Philip C. Grupe

Excused: 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Also present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Marc Gartler, Molly Warren, Annie Weatherby-Flowers

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Jaime Healy-Plotkin called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

New board member Joey Rosas was introduced. Jaime Healy-Plotkin was informed by City H.R. that there was 100% participation in the Director Evaluation Survey. Cindy Fesemyer shared she attended staff day and thought it was a great event. Fesemyer also provided notice she will be absent from the November 2nd board meeting.

ALICIA ASHMAN AND SEQUOYA LIBRARIES REPORT

Marc Gartler conducted a slide show highlighting the library programs at Alicia Ashman and Sequoya Libraries.

[49254](#) Ashman and Sequoya Libraries Presentation

COLLECTION MANAGEMENT PRESENTATION

Molly Warren conducted a slide show which informed the Board about her role as Collection Manager, and how library collection development operates.

[49253](#) Collection Management Presentation

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[49045](#) September 2017 Library Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells thanked the Library Board for their support of Staff Day and related he feels positive about the 2018 budget. He noted that it supports Bubbler programming in the operating budget as opposed to only private funding. The proposed budget is a closer and more accurate representation of actual revenues and expenses.

Mickells reported how his recent visit to Washington DC included his participation in an effort to draft a common message supporting Racial Equity and Social Justice for all Urban Library Council member libraries. Eve Galanter moved that consideration of the ULC statement on Racial and Social Equity be included on the November agenda. Joey Rosas seconded, motion passed by voice vote/other.

Mickells announced the Purchase Agreement for the relocated Pinney Library has now been signed by all parties. MPL is trying to negotiate for more time in the current Pinney Library, since the new facility will not be ready by the end of the first quarter of 2019.

Mickells added that the MPL has been selected to receive ULC's Innovator Award for Racial and Social Equity.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET REPORTS

[49070](#) Operating Budget Reports September 2017

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

Cindy Fesemyer asked if Municipal and County taxes are separate or mixed as library funding source. Alyssa Kenney requested more information on library fines, particularly on when users are denied from borrowing due to outstanding fines. Both issues to be addressed at next meeting.

APPROVAL OF 2018 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

[49044](#) 2018 Library Board Meeting Schedule

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported the Alicia Ashman Library is continuing its renovations with plans to paint the conference room, bathrooms, and provide more reliable AV in the meeting room. Benno provided an update on the progress of obtaining Mike Ford to lead the Goodman Community Foundation funded (\$ 155,000) renovation of the Goodman South Madison Library Youth and Teen areas. The Badger Rd. service and support center should be ready by mid-November. A Capital Budget report, similar to the Operating Budget Report, will be ready by the November or December board meeting.

FRIENDS REPORT

Friends logistical support will be located at the Badger Rd. Maintenance & Support Center. The all Friends breakfast meeting will be held October 7th at Meadowridge.

FOUNDATION REPORT

It was noted there has been turnover on the Foundation Board. The Pinney Capital Campaign will resume soon.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

It was reported that Marty Van Pelt, director of the South Central Library System, had a good meeting with Greg Mickells and she said MPL is a great resource for the consortium.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin and Cindy Fesemyer attended the recent system re-design meeting in Sun Prairie. A report is to be delivered to the steering committee by summer of 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.