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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, November 2, 2017

5:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin;
Philip C. Grupe; Eve Galanter; Joseph G. Rosas and Jair C. Alvarez

Excused: 2 - Cindy L. Fesemyer and Alyssa C. Kenney

Also present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, John DeBacher, Steve Brist,
Julie Trimbell, Melissa Gombar, Annie Weatherby-Flowers, Marc Gartler, Margie
Navarre Saaf, Sarah Lawton

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 Grupe, seconded by Rosas, 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

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reminded board members that the Wisconsin Book Festival was beginning and to be very aware that there are no board quorums at any of the events they may be attending.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF JEFFREY CLAY ERLANGER CIVILITY IN PUBLIC DISCOURSE AWARD

[49276](#) Jeffrey Clay Erlanger Civility in Public Discourse Award

Jaime Healy-Plotkin advised the board members of the deadline for nominations.

PRESENTATION OF WI STATE STATUTES CHAPTER 43

[49549](#) Chapter 43: Public Libraries

John DeBacher, Director of Public Library Development for DPI distributed a hand-out of Chapter 43: Public Libraries The Fundamentals. Mr. DeBacher provided an overview of Chapter 43 and also referred board members to the policy resource page on the DPI web site.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[49346](#) October 2017 Library Director's Report

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

Greg Mickells reported the Director of the Urban Library Council will be attending the December 5th Common Council meeting to present the Top Innovator Award to MPL. Mickells encouraged board members to attend the meeting if possible.

Mickells added there was a huge oversight in his Director's report by failing to include the terrific contributions by staff member Sarah Lawton and her involvement with the Government Alliance on Racial and Equity (GARE). Lawton has a very active and important role representing the City and the Library. She recently presented on a panel in St. Paul with other Library Directors.

APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET REPORTS

[49348](#) Operating Budget Reports October 2017

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

ELECTION OF LIBRARY BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Ald. McKinney nominated Phil Grupe. Galanter moved by acclamation, McKinney seconded. The nomination passed by voice vote/other.

ADOPTION OF ULC STATEMENT OF SUPPORT OF RACIAL AND SOCIAL EQUITY AS MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY POLICY

As leaders of North America's public libraries, we are committed to achieving racial and social equity by contributing to a more just society in which all community members can realize their full potential. Our libraries can help achieve true and sustained equity through an intentional, systemic and transformative library-community partnership. Our library systems are working to achieve equity in the communities we serve by:

- Eliminating racial and social equity barriers in library programs, services, policies and practices
 - Creating and maintaining an environment of diversity, inclusion and respect both in our library systems and in all aspects of our community role
 - Ensuring that we are reaching and engaging disenfranchised people in the community and helping them express their voice
 - Serving as a convener and facilitator of conversations and partnerships to address community challenges
 - Being forthright on tough issues that are important to our communities
- Libraries are trusted, venerable and enduring institutions, central to their communities and an essential participant in the movement for racial and social equity.

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno reported maintenance staff is preparing for winter. The contractor at the Badger Rd. Maintenance and Support Center is scheduled to be finished on November 9th.

FRIENDS REPORT

Central Friends will be conducting a book sale during book festival events this weekend.

FOUNDATION REPORT

MPLF once again hosted a successful Ex Libris. A fundraiser for the Pinney Capital Campaign will be held on Giving Tuesday, November 28th, at the Harmony Bar from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

The 2017 Cornerstone Award Reception is being held tonight.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Announcement was made of Dane County Library Service's move to a new facility on S. Stoughton Rd.

When the Madison Public Library Board acts on the following item it may go into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Statutes, which permits closed sessions when considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility.

A motion was made by Grupe, seconded by Galanter, to convene into closed session to discuss the evaluation of Greg Mickells, The motion passed by voice vote/other. The board convened into closed session at 5:55 p.m.

EVALUATION OF LIBRARY DIRECTOR GREGORY MICKELLS

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Grupe, to reconvene in open session at 6:26 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
A quorum was present.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.