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## Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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Thursday, September 5, 2019

5:00 PM

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

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 6 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas

**Absent:** 3 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Cindy L. Fesemyer and Jair C. Alvarez

**Also present:** Greg Mickells, Susie Younkle, Jon Becker, Lori Suiter, Margie Navarre Saaf, Tana Elias, Nichole Fromm, Marc Gartler, Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Krissy Wick, Linda Vakunta

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 Dunkelberger, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

**Absent:** 3 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Cindy L. Fesemyer and Jair C. Alvarez

**Ayes:** 5 - Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas

**Abstentions:** 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Jon Becker registered to speak and voiced his concerns regarding the location of the Imagination Center in Reindahl Park and the recent removal of trees in the park.

Cindy Fesemyer arrived at 5:05 p.m.

**Present:** 7 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Joseph G. Rosas

**Absent:** 2 - Lisa C. Hempstead and Jair C. Alvarez

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals.

**BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reminded board members Library Staff Day is Thursday, September 12th.

**ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Jair Alvarez arrived at 5:15 p.m.

Lisa Hempstead arrived at 5:20 p.m.

**Present:** 9 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Joseph G. Rosas and Jair C. Alvarez

[57232](#) August 2019 Director's Report

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

**Greg Mickells announced the Mayor has released the Capital Budget and Reindahl has been placed on the Horizon List. Greg would like to get it back in the CIP by 2021. The Mayor also requested the library suggest options for reducing the operating budget with savings other than furloughs. Mickells offered the option of removing Sunday hours subject to Library Board approval. The Library Board prefers furloughs to the removal of Sunday hours from the 2020 budget.**

**APPROVAL OF DANE COUNTY LIBRARY TAX EXEMPTION**

[57129](#) 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 Alvarez, seconded by Dunkelberger, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the FINANCE COMMITTEE. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**APPROVAL OF OPERATING BUDGET REPORT**

[57241](#) July 2019 YTD Budget Reports

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

**APPROVAL OF 2020 LIBRARY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

[57212](#) 2020 Library Board Meeting Schedule

**A motion was made by Harrington-McKinney, seconded by Galanter, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.**

**APPROVAL OF 2020 MPL OPERATING CALENDAR**

[57213](#) 2020 Operating Calendar

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

**APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO MPL CHECK OUT POLICIES**

**Margie Navarre Saaf explained the proposed change to the policy. Circulation staff have reported that requiring overdue balances to be paid in full is a barrier to patrons who may be able to pay some but not all of their fines.**

**Cindy Fesemyer requested the word stolen be removed from the policy and the word fines be changed to charges in the second bullet point.**

[56479](#) MPL Check Out Policies - Proposed Changes

**A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Kenney, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Joseph G. Rosas; Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Jair C. Alvarez

**Noes:** 1 - Eve Galanter

**Joey Rosas left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** 8 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Jair C. Alvarez

**Excused:** 1 - Joseph G. Rosas

**DISCUSSION OF LIBRARY FINES**

[57439](#) Fine History and Trends

Margie Navarre Saaf and Tana Elias provided the board with a presentation on fines and borrower trends with discussion and questions.

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by McKinney, for MPL staff to bring the board in 2020 recommendations for action for Madison Public Library to become fine free. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

#### **FACILITIES REPORT**

Mark Benno reported Pinney construction remains on schedule and the Ashman and Lakeview renovations are going forward. Benno complimented the maintenance staff for their work in preparing the Monroe Street Library for Monroe Street Days.

#### **FOUNDATION REPORT**

Susie Younkle announced a Grand Opening Benefit is being planned for Pinney on February 29, 2020. Tours of Pinney are scheduled for September 20th and October 25th @ 3:30 p.m. If interested please RSVP to [events@MPLF.org](mailto:events@MPLF.org).

The annual Ex Libris event is scheduled for November 8th @ 7:00 at Central Library. Tickets will go on sale September 10th. The Foundation is also looking for volunteers for the event.

#### **FRIENDS REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT**

Jaime Healy-Plotkin shared the annual Cornerstone Awards Event is scheduled for October 17th @ 5:00 at Buck & Honey's in Sun Prairie. The 2019 Cornerstone Award recipient is Bruce Deming.

#### **DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT**

There was no report.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.