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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, June 4, 2020

5:00 PM

1 CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom.

Present: 8 - 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

Absent: 1 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney

Jair Alvarez arrived 5:42 p.m.

Also present: Greg Mickells, Susan Lee, Ching Wong, Jane Jorgenson, Kristin Wick, Lori Suiter, Margaret Navarre-Saaf, Mark Benno, Susie Younkle, Tana Elias, Yesianne Ramirez, Marc Gartler, Trent Miller, Isis Newman

A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

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

2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dunkelberger, seconded by Rosas, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: 2 - Barbara Harrington-McKinney and Jair C. Alvarez

Ayes: 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney and Joseph G. Rosas

Abstentions: 1 - Eve Galanter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kenney, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by the following vote:

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Ayes: 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Greg E. Dunkelberger; Alyssa C. Kenney and Joseph G. Rosas

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3 PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

4 DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

5 BOARD MEMBER EXCHANGE

The board discussed the statement drafted by Greg Mickells in regards to racial equity. The statement was shared with the board. Kenney suggested making it part of the director's report. The MPL Board wishes to acknowledge the important contribution made to the library by departed staff members Sarah Lawton and Dr. Terrence Newell.

The exchange was amended by Galanter to also acknowledge contributions of departing staff members Lynn Fry, Dave Hoadley, and Tom Karls.

6 APPROVAL OF THE 2021 CATALOGING SERVICES AGREEMENT

7 ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[60694](#) Director's Report March - May 2020

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

Greg Mickells expressed gratitude for staff achievements during library closer. Mickells made a statement about MPL and staff's commitment to racial equity. Mickells said the budget will be submitted with a 5% reduction. Eliminating fines in 2021 was also discussed. Mickells also recognized contributions of Sarah Lawton and Dr. Newell as well as Tom Karls.

9 APPROVAL OF LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORTS

8 SPECIAL RESOLUTION GRANTING COVID-19 RELATED DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO LIBRARY DIRECTOR

[60707](#) The Library Board hereby gives discretionary power to the Library Director to suspend or make small modifications to existing policy, only when the

suspension or modification is made as an accommodation to restore services or access to resources due to COVID 19 conditions. Any suspensions or modifications will be in alignment with the directives from Madison and Dane County Public Health. The Library Board will be informed promptly of the changes as they occur.

A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Galanter, to Approve with Amendment(s). The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Fesemeyer requested to amend the motion to include revisiting the resolution quarterly. Hempstead accepted this as a friendly amendment.

This resolution will be revisited on the September 3rd, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Kenney to reconsider the Director's Report to include proposed equity statement. Greg Mickells shared the statement with the board. The board suggested edits and indicated they would expect actionable items to come from this statement. A motion was made by Galanter, seconded by Kenney to approve adding the edited statement to the Director's Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

[60696](#) 2019 Final YTD Budget Report

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

[60697](#) 2020 Appropriation for 2019 Carry Forward Funding

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

[60730](#) 2020 Budget Amendment Related to the Dane County Contract

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

[60731](#) 2021 Capital Budget Requests

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

10 FINANCE DISCUSSION ITEMS

Direction received from the Mayor and Budget for creating the 2021 Operational Budget

2021 Operating Budget scenarios for review during the month of June

2020 First Quarter projection scenarios

[60704](#)

2021 Cataloging Services Agreement

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

11 FACILITIES REPORT

Facilities report. Mark Benno gave the facilities report. The building are not mothballed, essential staff still on site. Moving forward the focus will be on sanitation. The building audits for reopening have been completed. Staff have been removing graffiti from the outside of the building daily due to current levels of civil unrest. A requisition to hire a new maintenance mechanic was approved by the mayor. Face shields rather than masks will be what public facing staff will wear as library reopens.

12 FOUNDATION REPORT

Susie Younkle thanked library staff for work on curbside. She discussed the digital collection grant the foundation was able to provide MPL, the State of the Foundation meeting, and the book festival being moved online.

13 FRIENDS REPORT

There was no report as Friends cannot get into library.

14 SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Healy-Plotkin provided the SCLS Forward Dane Re-opening Plan.

15 DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

16 ADJOURNMENT

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