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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Thursday, December 2, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Juliana R. Bennett; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Michael I. Ford

Absent: 1 - Lisa C. Hempstead

Excused: 1 - Jair C. Alvarez

Quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

MPL staff present: Greg Mickels, Ching Wong, Lori Suiter, Molly Warren, Jane Jorgenson, Mark Benno, Carra Davies, Yesianne Ramirez, Marc Gartler, Susan Lee, Tina Marie Maes, Isis Newman

Also present: Kathy Michaelis, Ryan Browne

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [68573](#) Public Comment - December 2, 2021

No public comment was made.

WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL REPORT

Conor Moran provided a report on the 2021 Wisconsin Book Festival. The spring schedule was entirely virtual and very well attended. As things opened up more in-person events were planned with 47 authors scheduled. That number went down to 15 as the delta variant spread. In-person events took place in September, October, and November including one full day of events

during the fall celebration on Saturday, October 23rd. The book festival was able to draw more than 15,000 people throughout the year to the 72 events held so far. A little over 9,800 people came to stand alone events. The fall celebration ran from 10/21/21-10/24/21 with 2 nights of virtual events and a full day of in-person events. Those events drew over 750 people. While numbers are down for in-person events they seem to be higher than some other book festivals which is due to the excellent authors and the marketing work by Tana Elias and Liz Boyd. The ability to hold virtual events has expanded attendance locally and around the world. Partnerships continue with the Wisconsin Science Festival and the program in creative writing at UW. The book festival distributed almost 2,000 free books, mostly given directly to students.

BOARD EXCHANGE

ACTION ITEMS

2. [68572](#) Director's Report - November, 2021

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

3. [68496](#) Approval of the October 2021 Financial Reports

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno provided a report welcoming a the Civic Engagement Intern and an update on the LED upgrade.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report that there will be an all-friends meeting on Monday to discuss space issues at LSC and see where everyone is at with book sales/donations. The friends will also look at alternatives to book sales.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Ryan Brown provided a report on Giving Tuesday, the end of the year giving campaign will be done via email, social media, and the newsletter. The Foundation is seeking RFPs for a feasibility consultant for Reindahl Park with the goal to start the study in February 2022 and working on the case statement.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reported that SCLS had a presentation from Shannon Schultz on the role of trustees.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

ADJOURNMENT

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