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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, September 2, 2021

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

This meeting was held virtually.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5pm.

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Present: 6 - Lisa C. Hempstead; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Jair C. Alvarez

Absent: 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Michael I. Ford

Excused: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

MPL Staff present: Greg Mickells, Tana Elias, Lori Suiter, Krissy Wick, Jane Jorgenson, Carra Davies, Molly Warren, Yesianne Ramirez, Tina Marie Maes, Isis Newman

Also present: Jillana Peterson

Jolynne Roorda attended by phone only after 6:30pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [67190](#) Public Comment - September 2, 2021

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

BOARD EXCHANGE

MPL STAFF REPORT

Tana Elias provided a report on the Digital Services & Marketing Department's staff, history, projects, duties, and collaborations.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. [67150](#) Director's Report - August, 2021

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

- 3. [66748](#) Approval of resumption of in-person Library Board meetings beginning October 7, 2021.

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

- Absent:** 2 - Juliana R. Bennett and Michael I. Ford
- Ayes:** 2 - Lisa C. Hempstead and Alyssa C. Kenney
- Noes:** 4 - Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Jolynne M. Roorda; Eve Galanter and Jair C. Alvarez
- Excused:** 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

- 4. [67189](#) Revisiting the discretionary powers granted to the Library Director as described in file 60707.

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

- 5. [67152](#) Approval of 2022 Wedding Prices

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

- 6. [67050](#) Authorizing acceptance and appropriation to the 2021 Operating Budget a \$15,000 donation from Margie Devereaux and David Hall for the Parents as First Teachers program.

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

- 7. [67081](#) Authorizing acceptance and appropriation to the 2021 Operating Budget a grant awarded to Madison Public Library from Institute for Museum and Library Services Leadership grants in the amount of \$242,335 for development of the Librarian's Toolkit for Digital Observation, Assessment

and Analysis.

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

8. [67164](#) Approval of the July 2021 Financial Reports

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

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno gave a report on the LED lighting upgrade. Alicia Ashman and Hawthorne Libraries LED upgrades are nearly complete, Lakeview Library is underway, Meadowridge will begin in late fall, and Sequoya and Goodman will begin in the first quarter of next year.

FRIENDS REPORT

No report given.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Jillana Peterson provided a report. The Wisconsin Book Festival coming up October 21-24, which will include both in-person and virtual events. Ex libris is planning to be in person November 5 at Central, following all public health guidelines. The grants committee is working alongside library admin on how to use funds from 2020, particularly in ways that focus on diversity, equity, and inclusion.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Healy-Plotkin reported that the SCLS board approved and the application was submitted to Commissioner of Public Land for a 5.5 million dollar loan for a new SCLS space which would be a combo of administrative and delivery use. The location is TBD. The Cornerstone event, which did not take place last year, will be taking place in person this year and will actually include 2 events. The award will be going to all libraries and library staff this year. The event in the Madison area will be in Monona on October 7th at 5:30pm.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that the Dane County Library Service is discussing the latest public health order and how it will affect hours going in to the fall. MPL will be continuing with its fall hours as planned.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Kenney, to Adjourn. The

motion passed by voice vote/other.