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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, June 2, 2022

5:00 PM

Central Library 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 301

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Juliana R. Bennett; Jaime A. Healy-Plotkin; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Jair C. Alvarez
Absent: 1 - Michael I. Ford
Excused: 2 - Lisa C. Hempstead and Jolynne M. Roorda

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:05pm

Library staff present: Greg Mickells (via phone), Yesianne Ramirez, Tana Elias, Lori Suiter, Krissy Wick, Mark Benno, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Adrian Lampron, Isis Newman

Also present: Kathy Michaelis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

BOARD EXCHANGE

Jaime Healy-Plotkin shared that she has left library work and accepted a position with Curate. She also reminded the board that June will be her last meeting on the SCLS Board of Trustees and there will be a vacancy for a MPL Board representative.

MPL STAFF REPORT

Yesianne Ramirez, Meadowridge Library Supervisor, provided a report on the staff, programming, and partnerships of Meadowridge Library. Ramirez called

attention to several librarians that have been hired in the last 2 years, as well as the hard work of all the library assistants, clerks, and pages. Meadowridge has relatively low circulation numbers, but has remained a vital part of the community, and has seen a rapid increase in circulation of e-materials in the last few years. The library staff worked hard to adapt during the pandemic, and re-thought how parts of the space were used in order to create more supportive spaces for youths which has helped with some behavior issues that existed prior to the change. Programming at Meadowridge for children, teens, families, adults, and seniors has been well attended by members of the community. Ramirez highlighted some of the community partnerships that help the library thrive, and finished up by discussing the on-going renovations such as LED light upgrades and painting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. [71760](#) Director's Report - May 2022

A motion was made by Alvarez, seconded by Bennett, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
2. [71767](#) 2023 Cataloging Services Agreement

A motion was made by Healy-Plotkin, seconded by Kenney, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [71757](#) Approve the final 2021 Financial Reports.

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Alvarez, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
4. [71759](#) Approval of the April 2022 Financial Reports.

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

Juliana Bennett left at 5:55pm

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FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno provided a report on the Amplifying Community Voices project, which aims to update A/V systems in Central Library's community rooms in order to provide space for members of the public to engage with civic government in a virtual/in-person hybrid model. The library received a \$150,000 grant for this project. Benno met with stakeholders and vendors to discuss the needs of the project. Due to supply chain issues, some materials may not be available until 2023 but this project can be done in phases so steps can be taken soon to get it started.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report on the upcoming Friends Book Sale on June 4th. Things are going well but the friends may need a few more volunteers, especially to break down all the tents at the end of the day.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report on the success of Lunch for Libraries which grossed \$101,000, the highest gross ever. She went on to say that the Foundation Board has voted to enter into a contract with Carl Bloom Associates for work on donor acquisition.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Jaime Hely-Plotkin reported that contracts for the new SCLS headquarters went out to bid but were unsuccessful. The Board of Trustees is looking at other options, including buying a pre-existing building.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:15pm