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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, October 6, 2022

5:00 PM

Central Library 201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 302

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Thomas A. DeChant; Jolynne M. Roorda; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter; Yeonhee Cheong and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

Excused: 1 - Cindy L. Fesemyer

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

Eve Galanter called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Juliana Bennett arrived at 5:05 pm. Lisa Hempstead arrived 5:08pm.

MPL Staff present: Greg Mickells, Krissy Wick, Susan Lee, Tana Elias, Yesianne Ramirez, Lori Suiter, Ariel Robinson, Rachel Davidson, Tina Marie Maes, Holly Storck-Post, Isis Newman

Also present: Kathy Michaelis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

No disclosures or recusals were made.

BOARD EXCHANGE

The board made introductions and welcomed the three new members, Mathias Lemos Castillo, Yeonhee Cheong, and Tom DeChant. Eve Galanter extended an invitation from the Madison Public Library Foundation to join a social event they were holding that evening, and instructed the MPL board members that if they went they could not discuss board business. Galanter also reported that the library buildings and spaces naming policy had passed final approval by the MPLF board.

MPL STAFF REPORT

Ariel Robinson, librarian at Meadowridge, and Rachel Davidson, librarian at Sequoya, presented on MPL's Racial Equity Change Team (RECT). They described its goals of furthering racial equity in our community and among our staff. RECT was created in 2019 and has had different members joining and leading since its inception. Robinson and Davidson explained that RECT does discussion, training, consultation, analysis, and projects. They highlighted two projects on contracting guidelines (who the library contracts with for programming, vending, services, etc) and the library's BIPOC affinity group

ACTION ITEMS

1. [73981](#) Director's Report - September 2022

A motion was made by Roorda, seconded by Hempstead, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
2. [73115](#) Submitting the appointment of Gregory P. Mickells for confirmation of a five-year term as the Library Director.

A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Kenney, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
3. [73418](#) Approval of the 2023 Madison Public Library Operating Calendar

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

The amendment is as follows: On the list of holidays Thanksgiving Day after should be corrected to Ho-Chunk Day.
4. [73980](#) Approval of the 2023 Madison Public Library Board Meeting Calendar

A motion was made by Hempstead, seconded by Bennett, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
5. [73450](#) 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 Bennett, seconded by DeChant, to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Approval to the COMMON COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.
6. [73979](#) Approval of the August 2022 Financial Reports.

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

FACILITIES REPORT

No report given.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis provided a report saying that Lakeview Library had a celebration recognizing Barb Carlin's 50 years of service. The first check from Thrift (for the leftover materials from book sales) was \$1100, which will be divided 7 ways. The deluge of donated materials to Friends groups has slowed somewhat. A small committee has been formed to work on collaboration across Friends groups. Pinney has free coffee on Tuesdays, funded by a donation and managed by the Friends group.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Eve provided a report on the Foundation, stating that with Jenni Jeffress's upcoming departure the foundation has hired a recruiter to find a successor. Ex Libris is coming up and Wisconsin Book Fest is ongoing.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve has attended 2 SCLS trustee meetings. SCLS has decided to buy rather than lease the Lakeland College building and an agreement has been reached. SCLS needs to merge the delivery and administrative functions into one property which will require some work on the building.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that one of the tasks in front of DCLS is to look at the reimbursement (walk - in) formula and a firm has been chosen to analyze that formula.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:24pm.