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Meeting Minutes - Draft 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, November 3, 2022

5:00 PM Lakeview Library, 2845 N. Sherman Ave. Madison, WI 53704

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 5 - Thomas A. DeChant; Cindy L. Fesemyer; Alyssa C. Kenney; Eve Galanter and Yeonhee Cheong
Excused: 4 - Juliana R. Bennett; Lisa C. Hempstead; Jolynne M. Roorda and Mathias N. Lemos Castillo

A quorum was present and the meeting properly noticed.

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

Library staff present: Greg Mickells, Mark Benno, Krissy Wick, Lori Suiter, Tina Marie Maes, Isis Newman

Also present: Kathy Michaelis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Kenney, 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

Eve Galanter reminded the board that Ex Libris is coming up tomorrow and wished Greg safe travels on his upcoming trip to the Gambia.

ACTION ITEMS

1. [74484](#) Director's Report - October 2022

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

2. [74462](#) Authorizing a request supporting \$10.5 million in General Obligation borrowing and \$4.5 million in private contributions for the Reindahl Imagination Center as proposed in the 2023 Executive Capital Budget.
A motion was made by DeChant, seconded by Cheong, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. [74464](#) Approval of the September 2022 Financial Reports
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by DeChant, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

4. [74466](#) Approval of the October 2022 Capital Budget Report
A motion was made by Fesemyer, seconded by Cheong, to Approve. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Given the low attendance at the meeting Alyssa Kenney made a motion to table the election of officers until the December 1, 2022 meeting. Tom DeChant seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote/other.

FACILITIES REPORT

Mark Benno highlighted the updates to Lakeview Library which include new furniture, room lay out, flooring and the teen room. There is work in community room that is upcoming including a permanent TV, reupholstering the furniture and changing the flooring on half the room. Lakeview will go through some technology updates to data and power as well as adding a scan card system for the doors. Goodman South Madison now has a hybrid meeting system installed with both technology and furniture upgrades.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported that Ex Libris has 500 attendees registered to come. The Wisconsin Book Festival concluded and drew 2,000 people over 4 days. The search for the new MPLF Executive Director is down to two finalists.

FRIENDS REPORT

Kathy Michaelis reported that the Friends are going to have the Book Club Cafe again in May, no author or date has been decided on. Free coffee at Pinney on Tuesday mornings continues to go well. Kathy has been getting together with other Friends groups for strategic planning

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Eve Galanter reported that the SCLS board meeting continued to focus on what is happening at the Lakeland College site, working with architects on certain design elements.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

Greg Mickells reported that Dane County has hired a consultant to review the formula that Dane County uses to calculate distribution of funds. This formula is based on circulation and has not been changed in 40 years. The consultant is called Rethinking Libraries.

ADJOURNMENT

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