



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, September 3, 2009

4:30 PM

Madison Public Library
201 W. Mifflin St., Rm. 201

4. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Present: 5 -
Maya Cole; Barbara J. Karlen; Allen A. Arntsen; Ann L. Falconer and
David L. Wallner

Absent: 1 -
Gregory Markle

Excused: 3 -
Larry Palm; Tracy K. Kuczynski and Theodore C. Widder, III

Also Present: Roughen, Froistad, Grogan, Benno, Dimick, Sawyer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Arntsen, seconded by Falconer, to Approve the Minutes of August 10, 2009. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Dane County Library Service President was distributed re their budget for 2010. The County Exec has asked for a 3% cut in the direct service budget including delivery costs. Should their delivery service not be fully funded, MPL will have to contract with SCLS for this and pay additional fees for the service.

Arntsen moved, seconded by Falconer, that the Board President send a letter to County Executive Falk and County Supervisors requesting full funding for these services. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

5. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

It was noted the Monroe Street Branch remodeling is nearing completion. There was a one week delay waiting for the lighting fixtures to arrive. The re-opening date is scheduled for September 15

6. ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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September 09 Library Director's Report

It was noted in the report that the Summer Library Program registrations increased dramatically at Pinney (29%), Hawthorne (19.5%) and Sequoya (15%). The huge increase at Pinney may have been the result of staff getting the materials in the hands of children when they came for class visits late last spring. It was suggested that a letter from the Library Board be submitted to the media promoting our successes and investment in branch services. Jane Roughen will work with Maya Cole on developing the letter.

A motion was made by Cole, seconded by Karlen, to Accept the September Director's Report. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Markle arrived at 4:43 p.m.

Present: 6 -

Maya Cole; Barbara J. Karlen; Allen A. Arntsen; Ann L. Falconer; David L. Wallner and Gregory Markle

Excused: 3 -

Larry Palm; Tracy K. Kuczenski and Theodore C. Widder, III

7. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

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July 2009 Financial Report

It was noted that with 42% of the year remaining, 47% of funds remain. The M&I report on the endowment fund was good news - the fund is up to \$750,000.

Cole moved, seconded by Falconer, to Accept the July, 2009 Financial Report. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. CENTRAL LIBRARY UPDATE

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Financial Comparison of Central Library Proposals & Possible Development Scenarios

The mayor's office did an excellent job in preparing the Financial Comparison of Central Library Proposals. It details the facts and shows that over time the costs for a new building are less or the same as for a renovation depending on whether a hotel or condo is developed. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Mayor and copied to alders thanking him for his support and including Central in his capital budget.

The challenge will be to get the alders on the periphery on board. We face two other hurdles and need to be prepared with arguments for the following questions. Why do the project now--Can't repairs be completed to hold the building together? We need to provide data detailing what the problems are and specific and detailed schedule of anticipated repairs and replacements over the next five years and estimated cost for those items.

We will hear the argument that for \$37 million several branches could be built instead of a Central Library. We will need to provide data showing how committed the library board has been to branches over the past--nearly all our capital investment has gone into branches. A schedule of capital projects detailing the branch, description of the project and cost over the last 20 years will demonstrate how our capital dollars have been directed toward the branches. In addition we can share the 2010 Capital Budget Capital Improvement Program plan to indicate we continue to support branches with expansion/improvements scheduled for existing branches in the future as well as the construction of new branches. We also need to feature the role the Central library plays for the system and that it is a repository/resource to serve the branches. It was noted that staff has already begun work on developing these documents.

Several suggestions were made to promote support for the project:

- Develop an information campaign--Put up a timeline/ bookmarks/renderings at all locations to inform people so they can weigh in
- Work with mayor, alders and developer to have public question/answer sessions held at branch libraries between mid-September and the end of October. (This would lay the groundwork for fund raising also).
- Is there a role the library Friends' groups can play?

Karlen moved, seconded by Arntsen, that a letter be sent to the mayor on behalf of the Library Board indicating our appreciation for his support of the Central Library project. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

Arntsen moved, seconded by Karlen, to develop an information campaign and as a means of outreach, sponsor a series of question/answer public meetings at as many branches as possible and provide the facts for why a new Central library is needed and why now is the time to build it. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

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2010 Capital Budget Capital Improvement Program

The Capital Budget plan was reviewed. In addition to the completion of South Madison and building a new Central, it includes expansion/improvements for

Meadowridge, Hawthorne, Ashman and Lakeview as well as the new Grandview Commons library in future year estimates.

9. FACILITIES UPDATE

There was no report.

10. FOUNDATION UPDATE

A question for the Foundation Board - could the library choose to use their mailing list to get information out on the Central Library?

11. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

Work continues on the LINK governance structure. The SCLS staff will move to their new office in November or Decemeber.

12. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

There was no report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Arntsen, seconded by Markle, to Adjourn at 5:20 p.m. The motion passed by voice vote/other.