



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Final
MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

City of Madison
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Thursday, November 2, 2006

4:30 PM

Pinney Branch Library
204 Cottage Grove Rd.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner and Theodore C. Widder, III

Absent: Larry Palm, Annette Miller and Gregory Markle

Also Present: Dimick, Olson, Sawyer, Deiters, Froistad

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 5, 2006 Minutes were approved.

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Carstensen, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by acclamation.

III. CORRESPONDENCE

One complaint letter was received re the school referendum display.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were none.

V. BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Mention was made of the article appearing in the Minneapolis newspaper detailing the financial woes of its new Central library. Copies of the article will be sent to Board members in the December board packet.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

Since the Board meets so early in the month, it is not possible to get the previous month's financial figures. The financial report distributed is for the time period ending September 30. The director reports the library will be under spent at year end, but not by as much as it would appear from the report. A lot of money is spent in October on materials.

With new members coming on board, it was decided to revisit the monthly meeting date at the December board meeting.

It was noted the endowment held by M&I has increased by over \$100,000 since the change in allocation was implemented.

VII. APPROVAL OF 2007 FACILITIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE

The facilities agreement between MPL and Dane County Library Services calls for a 3% increase in rent for 2007.

Wallner moved, seconded by Falconer, to approve the 2007 Facilities Agreement between Madison Public Library and Dane County Library Services. Motion passed by acclamation.

Present: Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: Larry Palm and Annette Miller

Markle arrived at 4:40 p.m.

VIII. BEHAVIOR POLICY UPDATE

This item was referred to the December Board Meeting for discussion pending the city attorney's approval of the policy.

Present: Larry Palm, Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: Annette Miller

Palm arrived at 4:42 p.m.

IX. FACILITIES UPDATE

South Madison Branch - A rigorous planning effort is underway to re-determine what the South Madison Health and Family Center - Harambee Cooperative means. This is painful in terms of disagreements among partners on how the cooperative should be set up financially and because of the lack of a business plan. Of particular consternation is the suggestion that the library be expected to pay a portion of the expenses to keep the Harambee coordinating office going in the new environment where the library won't be sharing any space as we are now. The decision to spend library levy money to support another nonprofit in a coordinated situation will have to be approved by the Library Board. The library doesn't want a "one-way" collaboration and doesn't want to set a precedent to support other agencies through the library levy unless library customers get a direct benefit from it. Janet Piraino will be invited to a future board meeting for a full discussion.

Sequoia Branch: The expansion plans were approved at the Urban Design Commission meeting last night. It is important for the public campaign that we be able to represent that all library board members contributed to the project. The amount is not as important as 100% participation. Pledge cards were distributed.

X. FRIENDS' UPDATE

There was no report.

XI. FOUNDATION UPDATE

The annual meeting was held last week. Five new board members have been recruited to the Foundation Board bringing the total to 15 out of a possible 19. The new members are: Ted Crabb, emeritus director of the Memorial Union; Tony Earl, former governor and retired partner of Quarles and Brady; Enrique Gandara, M&I bank officer;

Andrew Seaborg, financial planner with Lincoln Financial; and Jennifer Smith, editorial editor of In Business magazine. The former members were Jack Taft, Barbara Olson and Romilia Schlueter.

A new planned giving committee has been created to advise the Foundation. The members are Christopher Bugg, J. Corkey Custer, Bruce Hutler, Sheila Boothby Stevens, Howard Sweet, Martha Taylor, and Jim Watkins.

The Foundation received a \$100,000 check from an anonymous donor. The money is designated as follows: \$25,000 for the endowment, \$25,000 for the Sequoya campaign; \$12,500 for the Readmobile; \$12,500 for the Sequoya emergent literacy program, and \$25,000 for materials to be spent over time.

The Sequoya campaign hopes to have raised a total of \$500,000 of the \$975,000 goal by the end of December. The public campaign is to be announced in January. A thermometer or other progress indicator will be in place to chart the progress of the campaign.

The Foundation distributed \$27,000 to the library for materials. By year end it is anticipated that grants to the library will total a minimum of \$75,000. In addition, the Foundation will make a gift to the Sequoya campaign.

As a result of recent bequests, the endowment account held by Madison Community Foundation totals over \$600,000.

XII. SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATE

There was no report.

XIII. DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE UPDATE

The consultants' report on governance is still in process.

XIV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

There were none.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

The Madison Public Library will convene in closed session pursuant to Madison General Ordinance Section 3.44, 19.85(1)(e), for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in order to formulate strategy for impending negotiations with the collective bargaining units within the Madison Public Library.

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Karlen, to Convene into Closed Session. The motion passed by the following vote:

Absent: Miller

Aye: Palm, Carstensen, Karlen, Falconer, Wallner, Widder, III and Markle

Present: 7 - Larry Palm, Carol Carstensen, Barbara J. Karlen, Ann L. Falconer, David L. Wallner, Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle

Absent: 1 - Annette Miller

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Falconer, to Reconvene. The motion passed by acclamation.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Wallner, seconded by Carstensen, to Adjourn. The motion passed by acclamation.