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Meeting Minutes - Approved MADISON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Thursday, February 2, 2012

4:30 PM

Senior Center
Rm. 1, 330 W. Mifflin St.

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

- Present:** 6 -
Larry Palm; Barbara J. Karlen; David L. Wallner; Ann L. Falconer;
Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle
- Absent:** 1 -
Tracy K. Kuczenski
- Excused:** 1 -
Beth Moss

Others Present: Mark Benno, Susan Lee, Carol Froistad, Marc Gartler, Tana Elias, Margie Navarre-Saaf, Deb Lehnerr, Bryan Cooper

Tripp Widder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Falconer, seconded by Markle, to Approve the Minutes from the Library Board meeting of January 5, 2012 . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Tracy Kuczenski arrived at 4:35 p.m.

- Present:** 7 -
Larry Palm; Barbara J. Karlen; Tracy K. Kuczenski; David L. Wallner; Ann L. Falconer; Theodore C. Widder, III and Gregory Markle
- Excused:** 1 -
Beth Moss

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

There were no disclosures or recusals by members of the Library Board.

BOARD INFORMATION EXCHANGE

There was none.

ACCEPTANCE OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT

[25181](#) February 2012 Library Director's Report

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

Barb Dimick announced that the Board will be invited to a retirement party given in her honor by library staff on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 from 3:00 - 5:30 P.M. in room 260 of the Madison Municipal Building.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORT

[25194](#) Dec 2011 Preliminary Financial Report

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

Barb Dimick reported that this is preliminary and waiting for final numbers from the City Finance Dept. The Library should have these by the next board meeting. A question was raised regarding the budgeted number for the capital projects statement for the central library. Deb Lehnerr clarified that it was an older version. It's actually \$ 29,810,000. It had not included the money that the library is receiving from engineering for solar panels. The other revenue listed is fundraising from the library foundation. Next month's report will have the updated budget numbers.

REPORT ON GRANDVIEW COMMONS LIBRARY - TRIPP WIDDER

Trip Widder presented a request he received from Jeff Rosenberg of Veridian. Rosenberg would like the Library Board to participate in public discussion regarding the controversy in the neighborhood on the size of a proposed grocery store. After discussion the board concluded that the controversy should not involve the library and the board will not weigh into the neighborhood discussion and will let public process take its course.

UPDATE ON CENTRAL LIBRARY

Bryan Cooper related that the bid opening is scheduled for February 3, 2012. The bids are due by 1:00 P.M. and will be opened at 1:30 P.M. He doesn't believe there will be any liability issues based on advice from the City Attorney due to starting the bid process over.

One benefit of the rebid process is that there is now a more deliberate removal of items from Central. Rather than a rush to put things in a landfill, the library facilities team and Madison Environmental Group organized and managed a donation and sale of remaining FFE items that will not be reused by MPL. Mark Benno noted that the sustainable recycling of Central is going to exceed LEED goals. Hazardous material removal will begin Monday, March 5, 2012. The hazardous material removal contract with KPH Environmental is routing through the required City process. This is a departure from the original plan of waiting until the general contractor starts on Wednesday, March 28, 2012. Barb Karlen suggested that the media be contacted to report on the great job done by the library on reaching sustainability goals.

Jeanine Zwart from Engineering is now working with the library facilities team on the FFE specifications. She has been a wonderful boost to the team. Barb Karlen suggested that outfitting the meeting room space with technology should be a priority and that other desired features such as art can be added later. Marc Gartler reported on Maker Space which is an area being developed that could be used for functions such as art and design, both digital and analog, by the library and/or community groups.

Bryan Cooper reported that the overall construction project should be about 13 months. The furnishings and equipment are installed next and staff is moved. The opening should be in late summer or early fall of 2013.

The Bookless event was deemed a great success. Library staff members and board members who were able to attend remarked on the very successful fundraising and all enjoyed the music and artwork. The building will be open Thursday evening, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. for library staff, board members, and their guests who would like to walk through Central and see the artwork. It was estimated that this event raised approximately \$ 25,000.

13. FOUNDATION REPORT

Tripp Widder reported that there was currently \$ 5,300,000. in cash and commitments by the Foundation after 8 months of fundraising. This is 60% of the goal. The foundation is paying the money to the City and the City is managing that to provide a return on on the contribution amounts. The foundation committed \$ 4,000,000. to pay over to the City in 2012. The payment may be delayed due to the delay in construction. Mr. Widder advised that everything on the fundraising front is going well.

Tripp Widder left the meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Present: 6 -

Larry Palm; Barbara J. Karlen; Tracy K. Kuczenski; David L. Wallner; Ann L. Falconer and Gregory Markle

Excused: 2 -

Beth Moss and Theodore C. Widder, III

FACILITIES REPORT

There was none.

FRIENDS REPORT

There was none.

REPORT FROM PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE ON LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSITION - ALD. LARRY PALM

Ald. Larry Palm gave an update on the progress of the personnel sub committee that is meeting to work through the process of hiring a new Library Director. There is ongoing discussion on the confidentiality of the meetings. The City Attorney says most have to be done in open session. The qualifications required of the position are still being looked at. The entire board was asked to contact Barb Dimick by e-mail with any ideas for the supplemental questions for the applicants. In addition, the board suggested that the entire library staff be asked for themes/ideas for questions. These should also be submitted to Barb Dimick. The board also suggested that HR staff contact other cities to see what their process included when hiring library directors; Barb Dimick commented that she has done so, but the process varies city by city. There will be a library board member on the panel to grade the supplemental questionnaires and on the panel for the oral board. However, it was noted that if you are involved in writing the questions, you cannot be on the panel that scores the answers.

The board is currently one member short due to the resignation of Allen Arntson. Barb Dimick advised that the Mayor's office is working on appointing a new board member.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIBRARY SYSTEM REPORT

Susan Lee reported that there are a number of other libraries in Dane County that are not happy with KOHA. MPL staff still supports the original decision to go with open source. Madison staff participates a lot and see input as a good thing. There is an upgrade coming on Monday, February 6th.

DANE COUNTY LIBRARY SERVICE REPORT

There was none.

Barb Dimick suggested that Julie Chase be invited to come to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Barb Karlen, seconded by Greg Markle to move that the Library Board give profuse thanks and recognition to Barb Dimick for her stellar leadership for 17 years of guiding this library in the community through tremendous growth, change and readying to the extent that you can staff and community for this transition.

Motion passed by voice vote/other.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Palm, seconded by Markle, to Adjourn. The motion passed by voice vote/other. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 P.M.