

REPORT OF THE BOARD'S DELEGATE TO THE MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

October 25, 2018

Submitted by President Mark Sain

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library's Board of Trustees to order in the Central Library's Community Room 1, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, at 4:39 p.m. on September 25, 2018, with a quorum present.

Present.....Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, James Marten, Ald. Michael Murphy, Sup. Marcelia Nicholson¹, Joan Prince, Mark Sain, Jennifer Smith, Paula Kiely

Staff.....Rachel Arndt, Eileen Force Cahill, Joan Johnson, Sarah Leszczynski, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Judy Pinger, Victoria Robertson, Rebecca Schweisberger, Beth Wisniewski, Kelly Wochinske

Others Present.....Budget and Policy Division: Dennis Yaccarino, Mason Lavey; MPL Foundation: Dan Renouard, Ryan Daniels

PUBLIC COMMENT

Library Director Paula Kiely introduced Human Resources Officer Victoria Robertson. Ms. Robertson has worked in various City departments for over twenty years and is very excited to be at MPL.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

President Bria presented a resolution honoring Sharon Cook and thanking her for her eleven years of service. The Trustees signed a copy of the book *The Most Beautiful Libraries in the World*, which will be sent with the resolution to Ms. Cook.

PIN PRESENTATION TO NEW TRUSTEE

President Bria presented Trustees Marten and Murphy with MPL Board pins.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 LIBRARY BUDGET

Budget Director Dennis Yaccarino provided a brief overview of the City's proposed 2019 budget and an explanation of how the budget is allocated. The Library will receive 3% of the City's total 2019 budget. Director Kiely referred to the MPL Year 2018 Proposed Budget Overview. The proposed 2019 operating budget includes \$22,956,510 to support the library, which is 1.1% less than that allocated in the 2018 budget. MPL will hold three full-time positions vacant to help meet the reduction.

REPORTS

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Trustee Layden reported on the special meeting of September 25, 2018. On behalf of the Committee, Trustee Layden made a motion to approve a contract with Cengage Learning, Inc., to purchase a license

¹ Trustee Nicholson participated by conference call.

for Career Online High School and 25 scholarships for students, at a total cost of \$67,375, for the period of October 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. Trustee Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

BUILDING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Sain reported on the meeting of September 6, 2018. The meeting resulted in two action items which needed the Board's approval. First, the Committee had voted to recommend that the Board approve the purchase of the Villard Square library condominium for \$1.00, and on the Committee's behalf, Trustee Sain made a motion to do so. Trustee Cogs seconded. Motion passed.

Second, the committee had voted to recommend that the Board approve the addition of Haywood Group as a co-developer with Young Development on the Martin Luther King library's redevelopment project. On behalf of the Committee, Trustee Sain made a motion to do so, and Trustee Price seconded. Motion passed.

The Committee had discussed the option to use a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) vs. a Request for Proposal (RFP) to identify a developer and site for the new Capitol library. The Committee had agreed to move forward with an RFP with a greater emphasis on developer requirements.

INNOVATION & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Trustee Prince reported on the August 8, 2018, meeting. The Committee had discussed succession planning and how outcomes from the Board's retreat align with the library's Strategic Plan. Trustee Prince noted that the Strategic Plan end-date is in 2020. The Committee will form two short-term workgroups: one will focus on the long-term viability and stability of library funding, and the other will investigate artificial-intelligence solutions for the library. No action was needed, but the Board supports formation of the workgroups.

MPL FOUNDATION'S REPORT

Foundation Director Ryan Daniels provided an update on fundraising. To date, nearly 1,200 individuals have made donations totaling over \$900,000. The Foundation has allocated \$1.4 million to funding the library in 2018.

The annual Ben Franklin Awards Celebration will be held October 11, 2018, and will honor Jay and Madonna Williams. The event will highlight innovation and digital services. Teen interns will participate with demonstrations in various areas, including the Cargill Community Kitchen. Director Daniels described the 2018 auction items and invited all Trustees to share event information within their networks and attend the celebration.

President Bria thanked Director Daniels and the Foundation Board's President, Dan Renouard, for their attendance at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees' meeting of September 25, 2018, was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

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