

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday November 22, 2016
Central Library
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

PRESENT: JoAnne Anton, Ald. Milele Coggs, Sharon Cook, John Gurda, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, Joan Prince, Paula Kiely

EXCUSED: Michele Bria, Joe'Mar Hooper, Dir. Mark Sain

STAFF: Ryan Daniels, Eileen Force Cahill, Panola Hall, Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer Stearns, Judy Pinger, Kelly Wochinske

President Gurda called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:38 p.m. on November 22, 2016 with a quorum present. Agenda items were taken out of order; however these minutes are presented in numerical sequence. Trustees Layden and Coggs were excused at 5:40 p.m. at which time a quorum was lost. All action items were approved with a quorum present.

PUBLIC COMMENT None.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

1. **Board Photograph.** The Trustees took a brief recess for the annual official photograph of the Board.

RESOURCES / RECOMMENDATIONS / RESEARCH

2. **Story of Sim, the Library Lion.** Public Services Area Manager Dawn Lauber gave a brief presentation on Sim, the lion that lived in what is now the Central Library building, then also housing the Milwaukee Public Museum. Sim spent a few months on the fourth floor in 1928. Sim is currently on display at the Milwaukee Public Museum in the Africa exhibit. The library mascot, Browser, is also a lion, but was developed independently and is not meant to represent Sim. Browser is a popular attraction for children and helps introduce them to a love of reading. Browser recently made an appearance at Harvest Fest sporting his new "makeover" supported in part by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library. Informational item.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2016.**
4. **Committee Reports.**
Services and Programs Committee Meeting Minutes November 7, 2016
5. **Administrative Reports.**
 - a. Personnel Actions
 - b. Financial Report
 - c. Library Director's Reports

After asking the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda presented as attachment A, page 3-28 of the agenda, President Gurda entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Cook moved and Trustee Kovac seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

REPORTS

6. **Building and Development Committee.** In the absence of Committee Chair Michelle Bria, Trustee Kovac referred to the Library Building and Development Committee meeting agenda and minutes, listed as attachment B, page 29-32 of the agenda. At the meeting, the committee discussed the preliminary exterior design of the Mill Road project. The parking lot and egress cut options continue to be studied. Director Kiely added that since the November 3, 2016 meeting, she and Library Construction Project Manager Sam McGovern-Rowen met with Royal Capital Group. New design renderings will be presented at the January 5, 2016 Building and Development Committee meeting. Martin Luther King developer proposals are at the branch for public comment and posted at mpl.org. During December, a Community Open House will be scheduled and a Special Board meeting on December 20, 2016 will follow to hear developer presentations for consideration and possible selection. The Mitchell Street Project is moving forward as expected. The library will resubmit the bid for the construction contract and will make a recommendation to award at the December 20, 2016 Special meeting of the Board. Informational item.

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7. **MPL Foundation Report.** MPL Foundation Executive Director Ryan Daniels said that the Foundation has raised \$1.4 million so far and has over \$1 million of requests out to potential donors. The donor base has increased over 20% this year. Staff are projecting to raise somewhere between \$1.8 million and \$2.3 million by year end. The Foundation Board is committed to support the library system with approximately \$1.2 million. Solicitations for funds to support the Mitchell Street Project have been mailed. Lawyers for Libraries Society event will take place on December 6, 2016. For a small donation you can become a charter member and join the library at future events. Informational item.

OLD BUSINESS

8. **East Library Apartments Managing Partners.** Director Kiely noted that HSI Properties is no longer the controlling member of The Standard @ East condominium. That interest was sold to Robert and Marcus Felker who have been in the business of managing apartments in the metro-Milwaukee area for years. The City Attorney's Office has assured her that the sale conforms to the terms of the Development Agreement. Informational item.
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9. **Budget Update.** The Milwaukee Public Library Year 2017 Adopted Budget Overview was distributed. During the budget amendment process, an amendment was offered that included \$25,000 to a Special Purpose Account in the City Clerk's budget to support ten teen interns and related expenses to support the Connected Learning Initiative. Informational item.

10. **Wisconsin Library System Changes Update.** Director Kiely reported that the Steering Committee charged with evaluating and looking for system efficiencies that could lead to different models of service and changes to the size of library systems within the State. Work groups met at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference. The process is entering its third year with improvements recommended later in 2017. Informational item.

11. **Haunted Library – C-K Award.** Library Community Relations and Engagement Director Eileen Force Cahill distributed a document regarding the impact of Library Loud Days, attached at the end of these minutes. She summarized the campaign to-date. Along with the Fine Forgiveness Campaign, enhancements in Central and branch programming and targeted outreach, Library Loud Days events have contributed to an increase in services across the MPL system. Informational item.

NEW BUSINESS

12. **Trustees 2017 Meeting Schedule.** President Gurda referred to the Trustees 2017 Meeting Schedule, attachment C, page 33 of the agenda. Trustee Prince moved and Trustee Cook seconded a motion to approve the schedule. Motion passed.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

13. **Impactful Library Programs and Measurement.** President Gurda held this item after Director Kiely distributed for review, a document titled Discussion Notes – 2016 Violence in Sherman Park Area and Library Board Ideas, attached at the end of these minutes.

14. **Holiday Book Donation.** The Trustees participated in the annual book donation. Informational item.

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of November 22, 2016 was adjourned at 6:06p.m.
