

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

September 27, 2018

Submitted by President Mark Sain

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday July 24, 2018
Central Library Community Room 1
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Michele Bria called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order in the Central Library's Community Room 1, 814 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI, at 4:37 p.m. on July 24, 2018, with a quorum present.

Present.....Michele Bria, Ald. Milele Coggs, Sharon Cook*, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, James Marten, Ald. Michael Murphy, Joan Prince*, Jennifer Smith, Paula Kiely

Excused.....Sup. Marcelia Nicholson, Mark Sain

Staff.....Rachel Arndt, Eileen Force Cahill, Joan Johnson, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Jennifer Meyer-Stearns, Rebecca Schweisberger, Kelly Wochinske

Others PresentMason Lavey, Budget and Policy Division

*Trustees Coggs, Cook, and Prince participated by conference phone.

President Bria announced that, beginning in September 2018, all meeting agendas will be sent electronically. Any Trustee who wishes to receive a paper copy should send the request to Rebecca Schweisberger.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Dan Lee addressed the Board regarding the naming of the new library that will replace the current Mill Road branch, which will be located at 7717 W. Good Hope Road. Mr. Lee is a MPL employee, but made his comments as a private citizen and lifelong resident of the 9th Aldermanic District. He requested the Board consider the name *Granville Branch Library* for the new building. To support his request, Mr. Lee submitted a 2010 Milwaukee County street map, distributed by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, on which the intersection of 76th Street and Good Hope Road is labeled "Granville Center." Granville Center was one of the seven historic settlements in the old town of Granville.

The second item Mr. Lee presented was a copy of an article from the April 4, 1956, *Milwaukee Journal*. The article reported the results of a joint referendum held on April 3, 1956, when residents voted to consolidate Granville and Milwaukee. The boundaries of the area formerly known as Granville largely overlap with the service area of the current Mill Road branch. Mr. Lee believes naming branches for the neighborhoods they are located in and serve can help promote neighborhood identity, development, and historic connection.

The final item Mr. Lee presented was a chart showing the percentages of MPL branch libraries named after neighborhoods compared with those of other library systems.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS

TRUSTEE RECOGNITION

President Bria presented a resolution honoring Alderman Cavalier Johnson and thanking him for his one year and six months of service on the Board of Trustees.

NEW TRUSTEE INTRODUCTION

President Bria introduced newly appointed Trustee, Alderman Michael Murphy. Alderman Murphy was appointed to the Board by Mayor Barrett on July 10, 2018.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 26, 2018.
- Committee Reports.
 - Executive Committee Meeting June 20, 2018
 - Building & Development Committee Meeting July 12, 2018
- Administrative Reports.
 - Personnel Actions
 - Financial Report
 - Library Director's Reports

President Bria asked the Board if any items should be removed from the Consent Agenda. Trustee Cook asked for comment on the year-to-date statistics included in the Director's Report, as they are lower than those of previous years. Director Kiely noted there has been a decrease in computer usage, as personal devices are increasingly used by patrons who are connecting to the library's wireless network. The statistics for wireless-network usage are being collected and will be reported to the Board starting in 2019. Data on patrons' use of desktop and laptop computers will inform future technology purchases. Additionally, the modified service model at Mill Road Library has had an impact on usage.

Trustee Smith inquired about the significant increase in database hits, which includes LibraryNOW hits. Director Kiely will review the data for accuracy.

President Bria entertained a motion to approve. Trustee Cook moved, and Trustee Kovac seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

MPL BOARD COMMITTEES

President Bria presented the new list of committee appointments for 2018-20:

Library Building & Development Committee

Mark Sain, Chairperson
Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair
Sharon Cook
Joan Prince
Jim Marten

Executive Committee

President Michele Bria, Chairperson
Vice-President Joan Prince
Financial Secretary Chris Layden

Finance & Personnel Committee

Chris Layden, Chairperson
Milele Coggs, Vice-Chair
Mark Sain
Jennifer Smith
Michael Murphy

Innovation & Strategy Committee

Joan Prince, Chairperson
Nik Kovac, Vice-Chair
Sharon Cook
Jim Marten

Library Services & Programs Committee

Milele Coggs, Chairperson
Jennifer Smith, Vice-Chair
Marcelia Nicholson
Michael Murphy

REPORTS

FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Trustee Layden reported on the July 24, 2018, meeting. The portfolio continues to be in range of expectations. On behalf of the Committee, Trustee Layden made a motion to award a two-year contract for student data and research analyst to IMPACT Planning and Evaluation for \$57,000. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY FEDERATED LIBRARY SYSTEM (MCFLS) BOARD

Trustee Nik Kovac, Resource Library Representative, reported on the July 16, 2018, MCFLS Board meeting. Following extensive discussion, the MCFLS Board had drafted a letter to the Public Library System's Redesign Committee requesting that any changes to library systems be postponed until at least the end of 2018.

STRATEGIC DISCUSSION

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM REDESIGN PROJECT (PLSR)

Director Kiely shared a presentation about the PLSR's origins, development, and current status. Director Kiely answered questions about the role of resource libraries and explained how redesigning the systems could result in changes to various contracts currently awarded to MPL.

Discussion ensued about the proposed models and recommended course of action. Several Trustees stated their preference to postpone any changes until after the November 2018 elections.

Director Kiely will share information from this meeting with the Assistant Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction and seek additional clarification of the timeline and goal.

Dr. Bria thanked Director Kiely for the presentation and her leadership and work on the PLSR Project.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees' meeting of July 24, 2018, was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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