

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

**Central Library
Rotary Club of Milwaukee Community Room
814 West Wisconsin Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233**

PRESENT: Mark Sain, Chris Layden, Teresa Mercado, Michele Bria, Matthew Kowalski,
Ald. Scott Spiker, Joan Johnson

EXCUSED: Ald. Milele Coggs, Michael Morgan, Felicia Saffold, Erika Siemsen

STAFF: Heather Berg, Eileen Force Cahill, Tammy Mays, Sam McGovern-Rowen,
Joseph Moretz, Amelia Osterud, Karli Pederson, Marian Royal,
Rebecca Schweisberger, Heather Smith, Kelly Wochinske

OTHERS

PRESENT: Budget and Policy Division: Mason Lavey
MPL Foundation: Ryan Daniels

President Mark Sain called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:20 p.m. on November 22, 2022 with a quorum present.

SPECIAL COMMUNICATION

The Trustees participated in the annual photo shoot and holiday donation.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 25, 2022.**
2. **Committee Reports**
 - a. Finance & Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2022
 - b. Services & Programs Committee Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2022
 - c. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2022
3. **Administrative Reports**
 - a. Financial Report
 - b. Library Director's Reports
 - c. Statistics
4. **Updated Committee Assignments.**

OLD BUSINESS

5. **2023 Budget.** Library Director Joan Johnson will send the final budget summary document to all Trustees for review. Informational item.

NEW BUSINESS

6. **2023 Library Hours.** The Board reviewed the proposed library hours of operation for 2023, which were presented as a handout. The proposed hours are attached at the end of these minutes. Library Director Joan Johnson shared the 2023 hours are identical to the restored hours that began in June 2022. The Humanities Room hours will shift to earlier in the day to match usage patterns. Trustee Layden moved to approve the 2023 hours of operation; Trustee Kowalski seconded. Motion passed. Director Johnson noted MPL staff will be engaged in a robust community engagement process in 2023 which will help inform criteria for future service model planning.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

11. **Urban Libraries Council (ULC) Executive Board Report.** Trustee Michele Bria reported on the work of the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) Executive Board. Trustee Bria is entering her third year on the Board and shared appreciation for ULC's leadership, especially during the pandemic. ULC encourages members to have authentic, broad conversations and share best practices. ULC helps create innovative networks and its members include over 160 libraries in the US and Canada. ULC recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and Executive Director Brooks Rainwater is promoting the L.E.A.D. (Learn, Engage, Advocate, and Develop) Initiative, which includes partnerships with national organizations to highlight libraries as anchor institutions and cultural hubs. Trustee Bria and Library Director Joan Johnson will continue to provide ULC updates in 2023. Informational item.

With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of November 22, 2022 was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.
