

MAPLEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY
7550 Lohmeyer Maplewood, MO 63143

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm. Present via Zoom video conferencing were:

T. Alexander

H. Benz

M. Brenner

J-E. Hansen

C. Hinderliter

J. Kremer

G. LaRose

E. Loveless

K. Nithya

Staff present via Zoom video conferencing:

Director, A. Bryant

Guests present via Zoom video conferencing:

N. Knapper, Maplewood Mayor

A quorum was present and due notice had been given.

AGENDA ITEM 2 Approval of minutes

M/S/C (T. Alexander, J. Kremer) unanimously to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 Board meeting and the April Building and Grounds committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 Public comments

Mayor Knapper shared her interest in working with the Director and Board on building improvements. A student from Boise State University will be working with Mayor Knapper to find funding solutions for the building, and Mayor Knapper will introduce her to the Director and Board in the coming weeks.

AGENDA ITEM 4 Communications

There were no communications.

AGENDA ITEM 5 Treasurer's report

Financials from April 2021 were reviewed.

M/S/C (T. Alexander, C. Hinderliter) unanimously to approve April 2021 financial reports.

AGENDA ITEM 6 Librarian's report

A. Bryant presented the Librarian's report. A new indoor book drop was added, and with the help of Public Works, new curbside service signs have been placed outside and the flower beds have been cleaned up. Library Clerk, S. Schwatka, would like to design a run of t-shirts and bumper

stickers to be donated to the Library. The Library can sell the items and keep all proceeds. S. Schwatka will be asked to create three designs and patrons can vote on the final design. The Board expressed appreciation for this generous offer.

AGENDA ITEM 7 Committee reports

Building and Grounds: The report conducted by American Leak Detection was reviewed. Potential funding sources for building repairs was discussed, but decisions will be held until after meeting with Mayor Knapper and City Council.

AGENDA ITEM 8 Unfinished business

Print credits: Cost of printing in April was discussed. It was decided that black/white copies would be free up to \$5, and the cost of exceeding \$5 would remain the same. Color copies will be \$.25 per side.

Budget: The budget for FY 21-22 was reviewed with minor changes made to previous version. Final version will be presented at June meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 New business

Mask mandate: With the St. Louis mask mandate lifted, A. Bryant wanted to gather Board approval to continue the mask requirement within the Library. All were in agreement to continue the mask requirement.

FY 20-21 review: A. Bryant requested funds from seldom-used line items be moved to the equipment line item for the purchase of a new book drop.

M/S/C (C. Hinderliter, J. Kremer) unanimously to move \$1k from Interlibrary Loan, \$2k from Telephone, and \$1k from Janitorial Supplies line items to Equipment line item for the purchase of a new book drop.

FY 21-22 salaries: A. Bryant presented a salary scale based off of the increase in state minimum wage. The Board would like to explore other options to make salary more equitable. A. Bryant expressed her desire to offer a more competitive pay for employees and will prepare different pay scenarios to present at June meeting. Director salary was raised to \$63k and Youth Services Librarian will receive a 4% raise.

Appoint Nominating committee: E. Loveless appointed C. Hinderliter and J-E. Hansen to FY 21-22 Nominating committee.

Other new business: H. Benz inquired about the Library's current elevator contract. Near the end of the contract period, we should discuss discontinuation.

AGENDA ITEM 10 Motion to hold a closed session

A closed session was not required.

The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm. M/S/C (C. Hinderliter, T. Alexander) unanimously to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by A. Bryant 6/11/2021.

Reviewed and approved by C. Hinderliter, Board Secretary.