

**MILWAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES  
Tuesday April 22, 2014  
Washington Park Library  
2121 N. Sherman Blvd.  
Milwaukee, WI 53208**

**PRESENT:** Michele Bria, Denise Callaway, Ald. Milele Coggs, John Gurda, Ald. Ashanti Hamilton, Ald. Nik Kovac, Chris Layden, Sup.Theo Lipscomb, Sam McGovern-Rowen, Joan Prince, Dir. Mark Sain, Paula Kiely

**EXCUSED:** Sharon Cook

**STAFF:** Bruce Gay, Pam Hall, Consuelo Hernandez, Joan Johnson, Dawn Lauber, Taj Schoening, Brooke VandeBerg

**OTHERS** Amy Hefter, Legislative Reference Bureau

**PRESENT:**

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President Hamilton called the meeting of the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:36 p.m. on April 22, 2014 with a quorum present. Items were taken out of order; however, these minutes are presented in numerical sequence.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** Director Kiely introduced Washington Park Branch Manager Daniel Kentowski. Mr. Kentowski welcomed the Board, noting that Washington Park opened in 2003, replacing the Finney Branch which opened in 1953. At 20,000 square feet of library space, Washington Park is the largest branch in the system. The collection and meeting rooms are well used by the community. A new feature of the library is the laptop vending machine. The Board was invited to tour the library after the meeting.

Washington Park patron, Annice Lampkins, commented that the library needs to more actively promote all the information and services it has to offer. She added that the partnership between the Milwaukee Public Library and the Milwaukee Public Schools needs to be strengthened.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Trustee Prince moved and Trustee Sain seconded a motion to approve the March 25, 2014 minutes. Motion passed. Corrections were reported in item 3: Supervisor Khalif ~~Rainy~~ Rainey as ~~Vice-President~~ replaces Supervisor Jursik; Ms. Paula ~~Pennebaker~~ Pennebaker; and, Ms. Suzanne ~~Brier~~ Breier.

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**SPECIAL COMMUNICATION**

1. **New Central Library Manager.** On a motion by Trustee Prince, seconded by Trustee Bria, this item was held. Motion passed.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2. **Library Building & Development Committee.** Chair Gurda referred to attachment B, page 9 of the agenda. Due to construction delays, a Right of Entry agreement has been signed to allow the Library and its contractor's legal access into the library space of the mixed-use building, The Standard @ East Library. Negotiations between the developer, HSI, Inc. and the Library to amend the East Library Purchase, Sale & Development agreement continue. Informational item.

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3. **Library Building & Development Committee.** Chair Gurda reported on three action items approved at the April 17, 2014 Building & Development Committee meeting. Carpet will be replaced at Atkinson, Forest Home and Zablocki libraries. Two bids were received for the project. Vice-President Gurda moved approval to award the contract to the low bidder, BYCO, Inc. for a total of \$201,804. Trustee Lipscomb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Two bids were received for the modernization of the Central Library grey rotunda elevators. Vice-President Gurda moved to award the Central Library grey rotunda elevator modernization contract to Schindler Elevator Corporation for a total of \$477,265. Trustee Libscomb seconded the motion. Motion passed. Vice-President Gurda moved the committee's recommendation to award the architectural contract for the renovation of the Tippecanoe Branch to Engberg Anderson, Inc. Trustee Sain seconded the motion. Motion passed. The April 17, 2014 Building & Development Committee agenda, minutes and memos are attached at the end of these minutes.
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4. **Finance and Personnel Committee.** The committee received the J.P. Morgan Financial Review and Market Outlook report dated April 16, 2014. Chair Lipscomb reported that at the April 22, 2014 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting held earlier, the advisor from JP Morgan reviewed MPL's Trust Fund investments noting limited investment market growth in the first quarter. Financial Secretary Lipscomb said the usual quarterly report on internal accounting controls was provided, finding nothing out of order. The Committee also received an audit report update that explained continued progress on responsive actions to the City Comptroller's recommendations, taken by the library. The Finance & Personnel Committee agenda and minutes are attached at the end of these minutes.
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5. **Nominating Committee.** President Hamilton, chair of the Nominating Committee, said that at the April 15, 2014 meeting, Vice-President Gurda was nominated for MPL Board President, Trustee Bria for Vice-President and Trustee Lipscomb for Financial Secretary. All nominations were accepted. Board officers will serve a two-year term. The Election will be held at the May 27, 2014 regular meeting. Informational item. The Nomination Committee agenda and minutes are attached at the end of these minutes.
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6. **Milwaukee County Federated Library System (MCFLS) Board.** Trustee Kovac reported on the March 31, 2014 MCFLS Board meeting stating that the Search Committee decided to re-issue the posting for a new MCFLS Director. The posting was made at the national level through the Urban Libraries Council and other outlets. The Committee will meet next week to review any additional applications that are received and make a recommendation to the MCFLS Board. Informational item.
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**OLD BUSINESS**

7. **Library Artifact.** President Hamilton stated his intention of convening in closed session for discussion on the negotiations relating to the potential sale or permanent loan of the painting “The Bookworm” by Carl Spitzweg currently owned by the Milwaukee Public pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85(1)(e) and so moved. Trustee Kovac seconded the motion. Roll called and unanimously passed. The Board reconvened in open session on a motion by Vice-President Gurda and seconded by Trustee Callaway. A motion was made by Trustee Callaway and seconded by Trustee Lipscomb that the Board direct MPL staff, Trustee Layden and the City Attorney to negotiate an agreement to loan the “Bookworm” to an interested party and to bring the proposed agreement to the Board for approval. Motion passed with Trustee Kovac objecting.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

8. **Personnel Actions.** The personnel activity for March was reviewed, as shown on attachment C, page 11 of the agenda. Human Resources Officer, Consuelo Hernandez reported on the current hiring status at the library. Informational item.

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9. **Financial Report.** The financial report for March 2014 was presented.  
Library administration reports the financial activity:  
U. S. Bancorp Commercial Paper #338097732 (rated A1/P1) dated 03/05/14 and maturing 04/04/14 at a rate of 0.05%.....\$490,000.

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10. **Library Director’s Reports.** The Director’s report, attachment E, page 14 of the agenda was reviewed. In summary, Director Kiely said that March and April were very busy months with several notable programs.  
The March statistics were reviewed. Slight increases were noted in patron counts, circulation totals, and computer use. The electronic statistics indicate increases except for a significant decline in downloadable music. A plan is in place to improve the usage numbers. MPL’s new webpage has been launched with positive feedback from the community. Informational item.

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With no further business, the Milwaukee Public Library Board of Trustees meeting of April 22, 2014 was adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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