
Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees
September 21, 2022

LIBRARY TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Grace Atkins, Claire Chang, Sylvia Neblett, Andrea West, Steve Woods.

STAFF PRESENT:

Pang Yang, Deputy Director; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager, Planning and Analysis; Carrie Lyons, Branch Manager; Chuck Wettergren, Digital Services Manager; Maggie Soukup, Library Board Coordinator.

OTHERS:

Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County Commissioner; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager, Les Sipkma, Shoreview Resident.

CALL TO ORDER:

Woods called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

To view the public comments made by Shoreview resident Les Sipkma, follow this [link](#). (0:15)

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

A motion was made by Neblett to approve the agenda without the Maplewood Capital Campaign update. West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Neblett to approve the consent agenda. West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

A suggestion was made to edit the public comment made by Sipkma to more accurately reflect his request to approve the frontline worker pay for the Ramsey County library staff. Change made a motion to approve the updated minutes. Neblett seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

BRANCH UPDATE:

Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager, and Carrie Lyons, Branch Manager, gave an update on the Roseville branch. To view the presentation, follow this [link](#). (8:00)

DEPUTY COUNTY MANAGER UPDATE:

Presented by Deputy County Manager Berg. Update can be found by following this [link](#). (24:05)

RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD LIAISON REPORT:

Presented by Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt. Report can be found by following this [link](#). (32:05)

MAPLEWOOD CLOSURE UPDATE:

Deputy County Manger Berg announced that the County Manager O'Connor made the decision to close the Maplewood branch during construction. The branch will close December 2022, reopening October 2023. A cross-county team led by Karen Francois, Deputy County Manager of Information and Public Records, will focus on the relocation of the service center to ensure community members are still able to access resources during the branch closure. Berg will provide more updates as they become available.

OVERVIEW OF 3RD GRADE LITERACY:

Chair Woods and Senior Library Manager Jeff Eide shared data comparing the 3rd grade reading proficiency from students in the state, county, and surrounding cities for the Trustees to review. Woods shared that the literacy measure could be a potential measure for the library to focus on in the future. To view the entire discussion, follow this [link](#). (36:55)

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

Deputy Director Pang Yang and Trustee Atkins gave an update on the Strategic Planning process. Trustee Atkins facilitated a discussion focused on ranking the priorities provided by ACET. Atkins, who is a part of the Strategic Planning Committee, will relay any feedback provided by the Trustees to the committee at the next meeting. The view the entire discussion, follow this [link](#). (59:20)

ADJOURNMENT:

Neblett made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. The motion was seconded by Chang, which was approved unanimously.