
Minutes of the Ramsey County Library Board of Trustees
June 21, 2023

LIBRARY TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Grace Atkins, Marissa Kirby-Stofferahn, Kami Miller, Andrea West, Dawne Brown White.

STAFF PRESENT:

Pang Yang, Deputy Director; Chuck Wettergren, Digital Services Manager; Jeff Eide, Senior Library Manager; Maggie Soukup, Library Board Coordinator

OTHERS:

Victoria Reinhardt, Ramsey County Commissioner; Johanna Berg, Deputy County Manager; Mary Worley, Executive Director of Ramsey County Library Friends; Ling Becker, Director of Ramsey County Workforce Solutions.

CALL TO ORDER:

Atkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ADVISORY STATUS UPDATE:

Deputy County Manager Berg gave an update on the Library Board transition to an advisory board. She shared that the County Board voted at the June 20 board meeting to approve the transition and that the County Manager's office would be filing the paperwork with the state later this week. Berg reiterated that the transition would better align the Library department practices with other countywide practices.

SUBCOMMITTEES ASSIGNMENTS:

Chair Atkins reminded the board that there are two subcommittees being formed (Bylaws/Policies and Community Engagement) and that most of the board members have already identified what subcommittee they would like to be part of. They will reach out to those board members who have not yet been assigned a subcommittee in the next few days.

SUMMER WORKING MEETINGS:

Chair Atkins shared that the July board meeting will be a workshop with the primary focus on building a better understanding of the Library Advisory Board's new role and that the August board meeting will likely focus on subcommittee work. They will share more information closer to the upcoming meeting dates.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

To view public comments made by Susan Johnson and Les Sipkma, Ramsey County residents and Lynn Belgea, Ramsey County Library Friends board member, follow this [link](#). (08:45)

APPROVALS:

June Agenda

Brown White made a motion to approve the June agenda as presented. West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

April Meeting Minutes

Kirby-Stofferahn made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes as presented. Brown White seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

LIBRARY SHARECASE: Better know a library

To hear the Trustees interactions with the Ramsey County Libraries, follow this [link](#). (20:43)

PRESENTATIONS:**Digital Equity**

Ling Becker, Director of Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, gave an update on the progress that is being made around digital equity throughout the County. To view her presentation and the follow up discussion, follow this [link](#). (22:22)

Digital Learning Lab Project Charter

Chuck Wettergren, Ramsey County Libraries Digital Services Manager, presented the Digital Learning Lab project charter to the board. He asked for board members feedback and suggestions on the charter. To view the presentation, follow this [link](#). (56:50)

RAMSEY COUNTY BOARD LIASON REPORT:

Presented by Commissioner Reinhardt. The report can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:14:15)

RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARIES DEPUTY DIRECTOR UPDATE:

Presented by Deputy Director Yang. Her update can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:20:30)

RAMSEY COUNTY LIBRARY FRIENDS LIASON UPDATE:

Mary Flynn Worley, Executive Director of the Ramsey County Library Friends, gave an update on the board. Her update can be viewed by following this [link](#). (01:26:38)

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Atkins shared that during the July and August board members will focus their attention on committee work and that guest presentations to the board will be put on hold. They explained that the committees will work in connection with County leadership as well as the library staff to move committee work forward over the next few months.

ADJOURNMENT:

Atkins asked for a motion to adjourn. Kirby-Stofferahn made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. West seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.