

Minutes
Mead Public Library Foundation
Board of Directors
September 28, 2022

Present: Norman (presiding), Braden, Donovan, Holbrook, Kolzow, Loth, Montemayor, Peneski, Perronne, Quinn, Stauber, and Towne. Absent: Nelson, Testwuide and Williams. Bartelt. MPL Staff: DeAmico, Erickson and Mehn.

1. President Norman called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and determined a quorum.
2. Donovan **moved** and Perronne **seconded** approval of the May 25, 2022 minutes. The motion **passed**.
3. Committee Reports
 1. Development Committee – Carol Kolzow, Chair. Kolzow reported that the last meeting was July 7th, and the process of working with the 125th was the main agenda item. Kolzow discussed the donation report results and noted the successful advisory committee meeting from the week prior. Lastly, she discussed the concept of a name change for the Yuletide gala that the committee is discussing.
 2. Finance Committee – John Perronne, Chair. Perronne discussed the finance committee meeting, noting the 2nd quarter results report. He discussed the continued downward trend and reminded the group that the committee has decided to continue to accumulate cash rather than doing any investing at this time. He further reminded the group that you don't lose money unless you redeem, and that we will continue to hold our stance.
4. Mehn updated the group on the Foundation Scholarship status, noting that there had been 2 applications submitted so far, with one more possibly coming in. Additionally, a meeting of the Gift Committee is in the process of being scheduled.
5. Erickson updated the group on a potential donor who has some programming interests and is working through language with an attorney for a large donation in the future.
6. Norman discussed the Sheboygan symphony coming to do performances for Holocaust Remembrance Day, as well as a number of speaking events and displays. The date for this event is April 16th (Sunday afternoon)
Quinn discussed the updates to the 125th anniversary process. She discussed the wonderful historical panels that are now up on the first floor, and how they can be more of a static display in the library. Quinn will be meeting with Stefanos today to discuss the specifics of an event for staff in November, after which she will send out information on costs via email to the board for financial approval.
7. Quinn updated the Foundation board on the Board of Trustees and the recent happenings at Mead Library. She first notified the group that we are close to pre-pandemic numbers in terms of active library users and circulation numbers. She further discussed the latest continued conversations on the process of vying for equitable funding for library staff members amongst other city employees. She also noted that there has been a substantial delay in budget submissions this year due to this salary study, and the library budget was just submitted 10 days ago. Norman added to the report by commenting on the brainstorming discussion that took place regarding a request made for carrying firearms.

8. Loth reported on the Friends group. She discussed the three Night Markets of the summer. She also discussed the 50th anniversary events over the summer as well as the continued plan for the 50th anniversary reception, after hours, from 6:30-8:30. She also discussed the upcoming book sale.
9. Erickson noted the listing of projects for the November meeting and that it would be a busy meeting. He further noted that the number of programs has increased, and offered the latest Footnotes for Board members to take.

The next meeting of the Foundation is scheduled for November 16, 2022 @ 12:00 p.m. Being no further business, Norman **adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.**