

UNAPPROVED  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
MEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
July 28, 2011

The meeting of the Mead Public Library (MPL) Board Finance Committee was held on Thursday, July 28, 2011 in the Public Conference Room. Present Committee Members: Mr. Nelson, presiding; Mr. Morgan, Ms. Quinn, Ald. Sampson, and Mr. Zylman. Absent Committee Members: Mrs. Johnson. Present Staff Members: Ms. Winkle and Mr. Zehfus.

1. & 2. Mr. Nelson called the meeting of the Finance Committee to order at 2:15 p.m. and determined there was a quorum present.

3. Ms. Quinn **moved** to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of June 23, 2011. Mr. Zylman **seconded** the motion. The motion **passed**, 5 – 0.

4. Mr. Nelson began review and possible action on the proposed Mead Public Library budget submission for 2012. Mr. Zehfus made a presentation of the budget assumptions and the Proposed 2012 Budget. The Committee discussed budget allocations and priorities of services. Mr. Morgan **moved** to recommend that the Board submit the Proposed 2012 Budget to the Finance Department using this year's Common Council allocation per the Finance Director's earlier direction. **Seconded** by Ms. Quinn. The motion **passed**, 5 – 0.

5. Mr. Nelson began review and possible action on amendments to the 2011 Everhard-Forrer (850) budget based on actions previously approved by the Library Board. Mr. Zehfus presented the amended 2011 850 Budget. Mr. Morgan **moved** to recommend approval of the amended 850 budget. **Seconded** by Mr. Zylman. The motion **passed**, 5 – 0.

6. Mr. Nelson began recommendations of topics for discussion at the August 22 joint meeting with the Common Council Finance Committee. The Committee discussed a variety of potential topics. By **consensus** the following were selected as agenda items: City tax support for Mead Public Library (MPL) in the 2012 budget, the city 2012 budget development process and time line, the MPL 2010 Annual report updated with 2011 services statistics and MPL's E-content initiative.

7. This item was tabled for the next Committee meeting.

8. Ms. Winkle distributed copies of the draft report of "The Wisconsin E-book Summit" and her letter commenting on the report. The E-book Summit proposes forming a state pool of \$1,000,000.00 for the purchase of e-content for all Wisconsin libraries. It also proposes ending resource library contracts as a required service of the state's library service systems on the

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basis of declining demand for resource library services. This contradicts MPL's experience where library technology has allowed end users to directly access resource library services, the demand for which continues to increase. The Committee discussed the matter. Mr. Zylman **moved** that the Committee endorse Ms. Winkle's submission of comments on the draft report to the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). **Seconded** by Ms. Quinn. The motion **passed**, 5 – 0.

9. Mr. Nelson confirmed that he would present the Committee report to the Board when it meets this afternoon.

10. The next meeting is scheduled for August 25.

11. At 3:30 p.m. Mr. Nelson adjourned the meeting.

*Recorded by Sharon Winkle, Library Director*