

## **Library Board Special Meeting February 24, 2020**

Members present: Finander, Fournier, Radloff, Rund, Tetrick, and Halgren (staff)

Absent: Gold (excused), Niederkorn (excused), Trisko (excused)

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

*Special worksession meeting at City Hall to follow.*

### **Topics for Discussion**

#### **February 24, 2020 Worksession Agenda Report**

- The board reviewed the agenda report.

#### **Draft of New Proposal to Dakota County**

- The board discussed the proposal and possible changes to the proposal, which will be examined at the worksession this evening.
- The board planned to recommend the following for the City Council worksession:
  - o Recommending that option A of the proposal to Dakota County be the strong preference of the Library Board.
  - o Removing the reference to the "Friends of the Library" group, since the group would have to be formed by members of the community, not by the City.
  - o Recommending that part-time workers be provided the same amount of hours as they currently work if the library were to join Dakota County.

#### **Breakdown of Responses based on Response to Question 5 on Library Survey**

- The board reviewed the breakdown of survey takers' responses to question 5 (Yes, No, and Unsure) and their responses to subsequent questions of the library survey. Members concurred that there wasn't a huge difference in responses between those that read preparatory information about the library versus those that did not, but that there were more answers of 'unsure' for those that did not read the library fact sheet or library report that was mentioned in the survey.

#### **History of Dakota County Library Construction and City Contributions**

- The board reviewed the appraised value of the library collection that was included in the proposal to Dakota County and discussed how that amount related to other city contributions to Dakota County in past builds.

#### **Further Discussion of Library Survey**

- Finander discussed his viewpoint regarding survey results, specific survey questions and the City/County question.

#### **Other**

- Halgren read a letter to the board and library staff by Niederkorn as well as an e-mail by Carol Bidwell.

Meeting adjourned 8:09 p.m.

Next meeting – March 9, 2020

Respectfully submitted,  
Megan Fournier  
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