



**Minutes for the
Middleton Public Library Board, Middleton Common Council,
& Friends of the Library Board Meeting Jointly**

Tuesday, January 8th 2019

5:30 pm

Archer Meeting Room, Library lower level

Attendees:

Library Board Present: Burck, Paulisse, Reed, Ritzenhaler, Seltzer, Tucker, Zellers

Library Board Absent: Ward-Reichard, Yost

Friends Board Present: Lutz, Mally, McGuffey, Natoli, Reed

Friends Board Absent: Grahm, Gugerty

Common Council Present: Brar (Mayor), Burke, Olson (until 6 pm), Ramsey (until 6pm),
Richard, West (until 6pm)

Common Council Absent: Kuhn, Sullivan, Teal

Staff Present: Davis (City Administrator), Light (Admin Librarian), Sansing (Library
Director)

1. Call to Order: 5:31 pm. (Zellers), Introductions
2. Public Comment: None
3. Introduction and Purpose: Sansing
4. State of the Library: Sansing presented a PowerPoint presentation reviewing library "Funding, Friends, Facility, Services, and Future." See "Combined Meeting Presentation" for the full presentation.
Natoli, Friends President, provided a welcome and introduction to the Friends. The Friends philosophy is centered on making the library "special" through extras like programming. Attendees were encouraged to become members of the Friends. In 2018, the Friends had 283 members.
5. Municipal District Library Usage: Sansing reviewed library usage by Middleton municipal districts. Copies of this data are available in the PowerPoint presentation, and were distributed in print on the reverse side of the agenda.

6. Q&A/Discussion

- Brar asked what is the scope of the HGA project – 10, 20 years, etc? Answer (Sansing): The plan from HGA will address current space needs, providing recommended tradeoffs for space use in the current building over the next 10 years.
- If the children's area is the greatest area of shortage, how will our new plan address this? A (Sansing): A functional children's space factors in square footage, types of items for checkout, technology, and ability to use spaces for multiple functions – we're looking at all of these components in our design.
- Seltzer commented that the library has been doing a commendable job of moving the library outside of its walls through outreach efforts.
- Davis commended the library for working on this short-term space needs fix, as well as cooperation efforts with other city staff and partners. He noted that the City has funded a comprehensive city plan with an eye toward development opportunities in 2025.
- Sansing noted that one important aspect of the Dimension IV study was the desire to keep the library downtown – libraries are community anchors.
- Sansing pointed those interested in outreach efforts to visit "midlibrary.org/outreach". New FTE funding in 2019 will lead to more outreach and engagement efforts.
- Mally asked Sansing to discuss the new artist in residence program. Sansing said this is still in its conceptual phase, but we'd like to encourage more interactive art in the building with the public engaging with artists in our community.
- Seltzer commented that the library board chose to work with HGA because they were the most focused on customers' needs. They have been a delight to work with.
- Richard recommended that the library use the remodel as an opportunity to experiment and learn with space use – Light and Sansing agreed.

6. Adjournment: 6:41 pm.