

**INDIANAPOLIS-MARION COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**

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The Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library Board met at Central Library, 40 East St. Clair Street, Indianapolis, IN on Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 4:10 p.m., pursuant to notice given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

**1. Call To Order**

President Jordan presided as Chairman. Secretary Rothe was present.

**2. Roll Call**

Members present: Mr. Bacon, Mr. Jordan, Ms. Kramer, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Meyer, Ms. Rothe and Mr. Shevlot.

Members absent: None.

The Chairman announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting was duly constituted.

**3. Strategic Planning Discussion**

Marnie Maxwell, of Maxwell Associates, Inc., the meeting facilitator, began by outlining the purpose of tonight's meeting:

- 1) Board members get to know each other better;
- 2) Board members discuss issues from the Strategic Plan; and
- 3) Board members provide guidance to Library management on priorities outlined in the Strategic Plan.

As IMCPL moves forward, she urged the Board members to reflect on the things that are important to remember.

At this time, Ms. Maxwell submitted the following questions to the Library Board members for response and discussion.

- 1) What were some of the most important personal/professional events during your time on the Board?
- 2) What were some of the most critical issues you have faced during your time on the Board?
- 3) What were some of the greatest national/global concerns outside of Indianapolis that have been important during your time on the Board?

Laura Bramble, Chief Executive Officer, was also requested to participate in this discussion.

The Board members then conducted round-robin interviews to gather additional data and to share perspectives with each other on various issues from the Library's Strategic Plan. Some of the discussion topics included:

- 1) How do you describe the concept of a "virtual branch" to people in the community?
- 2) Should IMCPL take the lead in the life-long learning initiatives (such as childhood or GED programs), or support other organizations in that work?
- 3) What's okay to charge for in a "free" public library?
  - Would IMCPL ever charge a fee for circulating some items, such as DVDs or CDs?
  - What about putting ads on the walls of the Central Library garage or elsewhere?
  - What about seeking sponsors for facilities or programs?
  - What about charging businesses to access on-line resources?
- 4) Can/should IMCPL advocate changing the appointing process for board members?
  - What would it take to do that?
  - What would we advocate for in order to ensure the best future for IMCPL?

*It was necessary for Mr. Jordan to leave at 6:30 p.m.*

The Board then reviewed the Strategic Plan's proposed Mission Statement which is as follows:

"IMCPL is the community's place to access essential information resources, programs, and services that foster reading and promote the social, economic, recreational and lifelong learning interests of its diverse population."

A discussion was held to determine if this Mission Statement describes who the Library is and why it exists.

Additionally, they reviewed the proposed Vision Statement which is as follows:

"IMCPL will ascend to best-of-class leadership in responsive engagement, alignment with community needs, and accountable stewardship that are vital to a prospering learning community."

The Board members discussed whether this statement describes where the Library is going.

Lastly, Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Bramble and the Board reviewed non-profit governance responsibilities and the anticipated outcomes from tonight's meeting.

#### 4. **Other Business**

None.

5. **Adjournment**

The Secretary announced that there was no further business to come before the Board.

Mr. Meyer declared the Special Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary to the Board

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary to the Board, of the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library, hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are true and correct.

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Mary Lou Rothe, Secretary to the Board

