

Minutes
Monona Public Library Board
Zoom Online Meeting
June 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

I. Roll Call

Library Board Trustees Present: Sue Carr, President; Jennifer Kuhr, Alderperson; Jennifer Fonner, School Board Representative; Roselyn Ebel, Secretary; Erinn Monroe-Nye, Community Representative
Library Board Trustees Absent: Todd Stebbins, Vice President; Mary Anderson, Community Representative
Library Staff Present: Director Claringbole, Director

II. Call to Order

President Carr called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

III. Appearances

None

IV. Discussion and Consideration of Policy to require all patrons to wear a mask inside the library

Director Claringbole shared observations about the first two days of re-opening, including regarding mask usage by patrons. He also shared information regarding discussions among SCLS library directors. Other local libraries that have opened with in-building services have already required or will be requiring masks. MPL staff strongly feel that masks should be required for their own safety, to the point where some staff don't feel comfortable working in the library without a mask requirement, for staff and patron safety, especially given the current rise in cases. There have also been patrons who have expressed that they appreciate that the library can provide a safe environment.

City Attorney Cole has stated that it is within the purview to require masks with the position that 1. The library will provide masks so it does not cause an access issue; and 2. Curbside pickup will still be available. The Police cannot be called upon to help enforce mask wearing; however, they can be called if a patron becomes belligerent or threatening to staff or other patrons. Director Claringbole is guiding staff to approach the issues from a customer service perspective, such as repeated offering of masks, offers for assistance in other ways such as retrieving a hold for the patron, etc. The board discussed the requirement in terms of requiring masks for patrons who have medical conditions that preclude wearing a mask. These situations would be handled individually, as staff cannot ask patrons further information about medical conditions.

V. Vote on new Health Policy for the MPL that can require masks in the library

Alderson Kuhr motions to approve the policy as written. Trustee Monroe-Nye seconded. The motion passed.

VI. Adjournment

President Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting. Alderson Kuhr seconded. President Carr adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Roselyn Ebel
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