

Belleville Area District Library Board
Meeting Minutes
March 10, 2020

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

2. Roll Call

Hughes-Grubbs conducted the roll call. The following persons were present: Joy Cichewicz, Mary Jane Dawson, Barbara Gates, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Linda Priest. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.

3. Approve Agenda

Motion by Gates, seconded by Dawson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approve February 11, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Gates, to approve the February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comments

Members and family of Boy Scout Troop 271 introduced themselves. They were attending the meeting to work on their Communications Merit Badge.

6. Committee Reports

A. Bylaws - No report.

B. Finance - Motion by Juriga, seconded by Dawson, to accept the six-month budget report ending 12/31/2019. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Marketing - The Mardi Gras Farewell party was a great success and was attended by over 300 people. It featured a farewell video with photos and memories from various community members. The Book Brigade was also very successful with members of the community of all ages participating. The library opened after the book brigade and all in attendance were able to see the new building. The formal grand opening is scheduled for July 25. The next marketing committee meeting is yet to be determined, and the library's graphic designer will be contacted to work on a new library logo.

D. Personnel - No report.

E. Policy - No report.

F. Art Committee - The art committee will meet March 26 at 3 pm.

G. Building – The vermiculite insulation in the rear wall of the old library tested positive for asbestos which will complicate the demolition process. ETC will seek bids for asbestos removal including the rear wall the floor tile in the 1953 portion of the building. Floor tile removal will begin on March 23. Electrical work in the children's room of the new library is still pending. Library staff will receive training on the HVAC and lighting systems. The building committee discussed the placement of three beehives on the roof of the library.

One of the hives will be donated by Therese Antonelli. Joy Cichewicz will work on a beehive fact sheet for the public. The walking path by the hives will need to be reinforced. Bees in the D will maintain the hives. Motion by Juriga, seconded by Mary Jane Dawson, to have Bees in the D set up the beehives in April. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Approve Accounts Payable

Motion by Dawson, seconded by Cichewicz, to approve the Accounts Payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Director's Report - Attached. Suchy thanked all of the volunteers who helped with the move.

9. Trustee Comments

Priest – She missed us but was happy to be taking care of her new grandson in Texas.

Dawson – Exclaimed that she loves her new library. Announced National Library Week (April 19-25) and reminded everyone that the library will celebrate its 10 year anniversary as a district library on April 17.

Hughes-Grubbs – Is excited about our new library. She thanked the building committee for their work.

Cichewicz – Thanked the marketing committee and the staff for their work on the Mardi Gras and the Book Brigade.

Gates – Congratulated Rosemary Otzman for the great pictures and story on the library's opening. She was pleased at the diverse crowd who attended the Mardi Gras.

Juriga – Made an announcement at the last city council meeting that Belleville finally has a destination place.

10. Chair Comments

Peters – Observed that we have so much to celebrate. She thanked the community for their tax dollars and their private donations that made the new library possible. Attendance at the Mardi Gras and the Book Brigade shows how much the community values the library.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Dawson, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Alma Hughes-Grubbs