

**Belleville Area District Library  
Meeting Minutes  
June 8, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Joy Cichewicz (7:40 pm), Mary Jane Dawson, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tanya Stoudemire. Also present: Library Director Mary Jo Suchy.
3. **Approve Agenda**  
Motion by Juriga, seconded by Dawson, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
4. **Approve May 11, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Dawson, seconded by Priest, to approve the May 11, 2021, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Rosemary Otzman announced that Sumpter Township Treasurer Jim Clark passed away last night.
6. **Pubic Hearing 2021-22 BADL Budget:** The public hearing opened at 7:39 pm. There were no comments, and the public hearing closed at 7:40 pm.
7. **Committee Reports**
  - A. **Bylaws:** No report.
  - B. **Personnel:** No report.
  - C. **Policy:** No report.
  - D. **Building:** Leaks are being addressed in the front curtainwall and the skylight area. The irrigation system is scheduled to be turned on by June 15. The beehives have been installed on the roof. There is one tree on Charles St. that needs to be replaced. The asphalt was repaired where the power poles had been removed, and the additional staff mailboxes were installed. The Trespa panel replacements, the entryway trench drain, and the HVAC improvements are pending. The HVAC project is expected to begin in the late summer. O'Neal Construction is in contact with the city regarding the final engineering report and status of the library's deposit.
  - E. **Finance:** The committee met last night to review the budget. Stoudemire presented the 2021-22 Budget and the 2020-21 Amended Budget.
    - a. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the 2021-22 BADL Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
    - b. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to approve the 2020-21 BADL Amended Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
    - c. Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Juriga, to commit \$1,015,000 of the 2020 collected library millage that is in fund balance for use in the 2021-22 fiscal year's general operations (per GASB #54, Fund Balance Reporting and Government Fund Type Definitions). The motion carried unanimously.

The committee also recommends that the library millage that is set to expire at the end of 2021 be placed on the primary election ballot in 2022. Ballot language will explain that the millage will replace the operating millage that expired in 2021. The length of the millage is still to be determined in consultation with the library's millage attorney. The board will act on the millage replacement in March 2022.

F. **Art:** The oil painting on loan from Sheena Barnes has been hung. Dan Whisler is ordering the art display system for the temporary exhibits. The first exhibit will feature the winners of the 2020 BACA art show. The next art committee meeting is scheduled for July 15 at 3 pm.

**8. Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**9. Director's Report:** See attached. Reopening plans proceed. Seating is being restored, and beginning July 1 the public will not be required to wear masks and the study rooms will reopen.

**10. Trustee Comments:**

Priest – Happy to come back into the library and see the painting up and the furniture out.

Cichewicz – Loves that the bees are here and is excited to be close to fully open.

Dawson – Remembers the library's Mardi Gras party in the old building, where the masks were worn over people's eyes not noses and mouths. Thanked John for talking to Therese about getting the bees. She came to the library with a friend in her 80s who hadn't seen the building yet (the chairs were welcome). She shared a story about a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader in Beverly Hills who was afraid libraries would close during the pandemic, so he opened his own library. The child talked about the value of reading.

Stoudemire – Thanked Mary Jo for preparing the budget info. Is looking forward to the Lake Fest.

Hughes-Grubbs – Is happy things are starting to get back to normal and thinks that people now have a greater appreciation for life, friendships, and family.

Juriga – Hoping that the library can tap into the audience at the Farmers' Market and Car Show. He tried to contact Debbie Dingell and Ranjeev Puri regarding car charging stations.

**11. Chair Comments:**

Peters – Was happy to meet in person. It has been a joy working with the building committee, everyone was very engaged, and the building project was a good experience.

**12. Adjournment:**

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.