

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 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, Mary Jane Dawson, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, and Linda Priest. Absent and excused: Alma Hughes-Grubbs 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 June 8, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Cichewicz, seconded by Dawson, to approve the June 8, 2021, minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** Barbara Miller thanked the library for hosting the upcoming Bees in the D program.
6. **Suspension of COVID Plan and Reopening Policy:** The library's COVID Plan and Reopening Policy are no longer required by law. Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to suspend the library's COVID Preparedness Plan and Reopening Policy. Motion carried unanimously.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** HVAC improvements are pending. The Trespa panels are being replaced, the landscaper is working on a punch list, and network cabling was installed for the people counter at the main library and the outdoor wi-fi at the branch. Leaks were repaired in the curtain wall (entryway) and the skylight. O'Neal Construction will follow up regarding installation of the art hanging system. The library is waiting for the final engineering report from Hennessey and status of the library's money on deposit with the city. Donor signs are hoped to be installed by Fall. The library is reviewing mockups from the sign company. John Juriga's son installed lighting behind the Pat Jahr stained glass piece in the children's room. John Juriga also contacted the American Center for Mobility regarding car charging stations for the parking lot.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** The second state aid payment for FY 2020-21 was received.
 - D. **Marketing:** The committee will meet before the September board meeting.
 - E. **Personnel:** No report.
 - F. **Policy:** The staff is working on an interim food/drink policy.
8. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Motion by Dawson, seconded by Juriga, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Director's Report: See attached. Is happy to announce that the library is fully open and that all COVID restrictions have been suspended. It is hoped that the Bees in the D program will be a blended in person and Zoom program. Harvest Fest will be October 9.

10. Trustee Comments:

Dawson – Announced the opening of a new pharmacy in town located in the Chamber of Commerce building. Hoped everyone got a chance to see the fireworks on the lake.

Described children using the Little Free Library in Victory Park.

Cichewicz – Thanked John Juriga for all that he does for the library.

Priest – Went to the bench dedication at the Sumpter Branch and remarked at how nice the branch looks and what a positive experience it was to be there.

Juriga – Thanked the board for their comments.

11. Chair Comments:

Peters – Was happy that the library was able to do more during COVID than many libraries. Observed that the bench dedication was good opportunity for community interaction. She hopes that the library can regrow usage at the branch now that COVID restrictions are over.

12. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Dawson, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.