

**Belleville Area District Library
Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2021**

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Sharon Peters called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** The following board members were present: Mary Jane Dawson, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, John Juriga, Sharon Peters, Linda Priest, and Tonya Stoudemire. Absent and excused: Joy Cichewicz. 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 September 14, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Stoudemire, seconded by Priest, to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments:** None.
6. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Building:** The Walker art display system was installed. Glass shelving installation next to the display case is pending. The roofer patched potential areas in the coping above the front curtain wall that may be the source of the leak. The dishwasher was repaired, but the problem could be a sediment issue, especially in light of some of the low water flow issues that are occurring in the bathrooms. A filter may be installed on the building's incoming water supply line. The library received a \$25,000 refund of their deposit with the city. The HVAC project has begun. Wording for the building dedication plaque was amended to include the names of the previous district library board members.
 - B. **Bylaws:** No report.
 - C. **Finance:** No report.
 - D. **Marketing:** The committee began to plan for a grand opening ceremony and open house on Saturday, April 9, 2022 and a donor reception on Friday, March 11. The next meeting will be October 27 at 3 pm.
 - E. **Personnel:** No report.
 - F. **Policy:** No report.
 - G. **Art:** No report.
7. **Approve Accounts Payable:** Five additional WiFi Hotspots were purchased by the library and are available for checkout. A couple of the hotspots will be available for checkout at the Sumpter Branch. Motion by Dawson, seconded by Stoudemire, to approve the accounts payable as presented. The motion carried unanimously.
8. **Director's Report:** See attached.

9. Trustee Comments:

Priest – She and her husband enjoyed helping out at the Harvest Fest.

Hughes-Grubbs – She is excited with everything the library is doing and looks forward to plans for next year.

Stoudemire – Is happy to see all of the events taking place inside the library and commented that it is great that the library has the space for them.

Juriga – Expressed concerns about the closing of the museum. Was happy that the Historical Society was able to get access to the items they needed for Harvest Fest.

Dawson – Would like to see the museum stay open.

10. Chair Comments:

Peters – Thanked Joy for all she did for Harvest Fest. She observed that she had the most lovely, fun day at the library today talking with library staff and walking around the library. It was great to see so many in the teen room, study rooms, etc. using the library the way we envisioned.

11. Adjournment:

Motion by Juriga, seconded by Priest, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.