

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library Commission
Martinsburg Berkeley County Public Library
July Meeting Minutes
July 27, 2023

Karen Greenfield, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:01PM.

Present: Karen Greenfield, Chair; Lakyn Ausherman, Vice Chair; Sara Douglass, Treasurer; Billie Grey, Secretary. Gretchen Fry, Librarian. Absent: Ian Gingold .

A quorum being present, the items on the agenda were considered.

The minutes of the June 29, 2023 meeting were approved, as amended, on a Grey/Ausherman motion by unanimous voice vote.

Public comments: William Schecheter expressed concerns that the Board should be prepared for challenges to books in our collection. Similar challenges in other jurisdictions have created problems.

The Financial Report ending Jun 30, 2023 presented by Lynn Walker, Finance and Human Resource Manager, was accepted, pending audit, on an Ausherman/Gingold motion by unanimous voice vote.

The Director's Report was presented by Gretchen Fry and will be included in the minutes.

Unfinished Business:

Proposal for Owner's Representative for the Martinsburg Library HVAC and Electrical Project has been deferred.

There has been a problem finding someone able to do the custom engraving on the donor wall in the Martinsburg Library lobby. Board needs to review other options for recognizing donors, including establishing a structure.

New Business: None

The Ausherman/Douglass motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Billie J. Grey, Secretary

Directors Report July 2023

The Martinsburg Public Library's annual Comic Con was a huge success! Emily Jones did an excellent job organizing this event. Featured activities included medieval fencing, a comics workshop, a special effects makeup demo, face painting, a Pokémon game, and a Dungeons and Dragons game. Please see attached Martinsburg Journal article.

The library is in the process of filling four part-time positions that were recently vacated, two at the North Berkeley Library and two in the Children's Department in Martinsburg.

As the new school year approaches, Dana and Emily will be promoting library services to teachers, students, and parents. Karen Greenfield arranged for the library to have a table at the New Teacher orientation on August 10th. Emily and I are on the Mainstreet Martinsburg Committee for the Back to School Fest, which will take place August 19th at the Round House. The library will be signing up kids for library cards and handing out information about the library's educational resources.

As we do every year, the library offers teachers the opportunity to take their students on field trips to the library branch near their school or, if they prefer, a librarian will come to the school to present on library resources.

The Library **did not** receive the FY24 Cultural Facilities and Capital Resources grant from Arts and Culture. The grant request was for \$274,500.

Dana has joined the Spring Mills rotary club as a representative of the library system.