

Martinsburg-Berkeley County Public Library Commission
Martinsburg Berkeley County Public Library
April Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2024

Karen Greenfield, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Martinsburg Berkeley County Library Commission to order at 5:03 PM in the Martinsburg Library.

Attendees:

Voting Members: Karen Greenfield, Chair; Sara Douglass, Vice Chair; Ian Gingold, Treasurer; Lakyn Ausherman, Secretary; Robert Mahaffey, Member Absent: None.

Non-voting Members: Gretchen Fry, MBCPL Director; Lynn Walker, Finance and Human Resource Manager

Guests: None.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting were approved on a Douglass/Mahaffey motion by unanimous voice vote.

The minutes of the February 22, 2024 special meeting were approved on a Douglass/Mahaffey motion by unanimous voice vote.

Public comments:

None.

Financial Report:

The Financial Report ending March 31, 2024 presented by Lynn Walker, Finance and Human Resource Manager, was accepted, pending audit, on a Gingold/Mahaffey motion by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report:

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

Unfinished Business:

Updates on the Board of Education Excess Levy were delivered by the liaison to the Berkeley County Board of Education Excess Levy Committee.

New Business:

The MBCPL courier van transmission went out for a second time, and a new van is needed to continue transporting library materials within the library system. A Douglass/Ausherman motion to purchase a new courier van costing up to \$47,000.00 out of the Martinsburg Unencumbered Fund was approved by an affirmative voice vote from Ausherman, Douglass, and Greenfield. Mahaffey and Gingold voted in the negative.

The 990s for Fiscal Year 2023 were approved on a Douglass/Gingold motion by unanimous voice vote.

The Fiscal Year 2025 library budget was approved on a Mahaffey/Gingold motion by voice vote in the affirmative by Greenfield, Mahaffey, Ausherman, and Gingold. Douglass abstained from the vote.

The Gingold/Douglass motion to adjourn was approved by unanimous voice vote, and the meeting adjourned at 6:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lakyn Ausherman

Directors Report April 2024

Over 150 people attended an author discussion and book signing event hosted by the Martinsburg Library featuring Jennifer Armentrout and John Gilstrap. The event was organized by Leadership Berkeley, Four Seasons books, and library staff member Sarah Shewbridge. Over 55 people attended the Taylor Swift event at the Martinsburg Library.

During the month of April, a total of 118 students from Tuscarora Elementary, Airborne Christian Academy, St. Josephs, and Burke Street visited the Martinsburg library for a tour, Storytime, and craft.

As part of a partnership with Parks and Rec, the library will be providing Monday storytime and crafts during Summer Camp.

The Martinsburg High School Latino Student Union has been offering a weekly bilingual Storytime at the Martinsburg Library as part of their class project. The library is planning to offer a Storytime in Spanish starting later this summer.

The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Library system distributed a total of over 2,000 Solar Eclipse glasses at our four branches. Martinsburg hosted a Solar Eclipse Party that was attended by 62 people. Sarah Shewbridge enrolled the library in the Starnet Solar eclipse activities for libraries initiative (Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation) and received the free eclipse glasses.

Over 150 people attended an Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of the North Berkeley library and 76 people attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the Musselman Library

Upcoming Events:

April 25th- Youth Services Manger Chanda Williams-Dole and I will be presenting information about the MBCPL library system at the Noon Rotary

May 14, 2024- School Levy

June 1st- MBPCL's Annual Comic Con will launch Summer Reading program.