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Regular Board  
Meeting Minutes  
June 13, 2023

Ms. Riales, President, called the Bellwood Public Library Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

**Present:**

Ms. Felicia Chase  
Ms. Mary Clements  
Ms. Constance Riales  
Mrs. Dorothy Smith  
Mr. Reginald Stewart

**Absent:**

Pastor Horton  
Ms. Maria Perez

Also in attendance: Library Director Amy Crump, and Administrative Assistant Lili Savage.  
Also present was 1 community member.

**Public Comment:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Clements to approve the meeting minutes for May 16, 2023.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

**Finance Committee Report:**

Ms. Clements gave the finance report which included: Reports of Bills: #834, 834-A, & 834-B. The following reports of bills were submitted, copies of which are included as part of these minutes:

#834 (Bill List) in the amount of

\$ 280,362.09

#834-A (Payroll) in the amount of	\$ 68,558.99
#834-B (Checking) in the amount of	\$ 0.00
TOTAL:	\$ 348,921.08

A motion was made by Ms. Clements, seconded by Ms. Chase for Bills-Reports #834, 834-A, & 834-B. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

Library Attorney Dee Jarad arrived at 6:47 p.m.

### **Other Committee Reports:**

- a. Administration Committee
  - i. No report.
- b. Building and Grounds Committee
  - i. No report.
- c. Finance Committee
  - i. Nothing to report.
- d. Planning and Development Committee
  - i. No report
- e. Public Relations and Legislation Committee
  - i. No report

### **Unfinished Business:**

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Clements for the revised Bylaws.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

- b. A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Ms. Clements for the revised 2.8 Committees policy.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 4: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 1: Mrs. Smith

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

**New Business:**

- a. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Clements for the Grievance, Complaint & Problem Solving Procedure for Employee Handbook.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

- b. A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. Stewart for the updated Rules for Patron Behavior policy.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

- c. A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Clements for the Resolution Relative to Non-Resident Library Card Program Participation.

A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

- d. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Chase for the Library closure of the entire day of July 28, 2023 for staff workshop.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

- e. A motion was made by Ms. Chase, seconded by Mr. Stewart for the updated 5.5-American Library Association Library Bill of Rights Policy.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

- f. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Chase for the Resolution Adopting a Policy Statement Against Banning Books or Other Materials.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez  
The motion passed

- g. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Ms. Clements for the costs in the amount of \$13,997.00 for replacing exterior sign (replacement without an electronic message board).  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez  
The motion passed.

- h. A Presentation-Refresher on Trustee Remote Meeting Participation & Related Matter given by Library Attorney Dee Jarad.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Smith that the Board convene into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. for:

- a. For the purpose of discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by the Act and as provided under 5ILCS 120/Section 2 (c)(21).  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez  
The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Ms. Chase that the Board return to Open Session at 7:30 p.m.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez  
The motion passed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stewart that the closed session minutes dated April 2022 to May 2023 remain closed and confidential.  
A roll call vote was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Stewart  
NAYS: 0:  
ABSTAIN: 0:  
ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez  
The motion passed.

**Communication/Announcements:** Director Crump reported that a patron had put a note in the suggestion box, suggesting that all events and workshops are recorded for future viewing and reference. Director Crump stated that the library is not equipped to do this request at this time. President Riales reported at a thank you card had been received from Director Crump to the board.

**Library Director Report:** The report is posted on the Bellwood Public Library's web page.

**Public Comment:** A guest stated that he was glad to witness history being made at the meeting. Bellwood Library was the first public library in Illinois to approve the Public Act 103-0100 Resolution Adopting a Policy Statement against Banning Books or other materials the same day that Governor J.B. Pritzker signed the document.

**Adjournment:** Mrs. Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Clements seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.  
A roll call was taken.

AYES: 5: Ms. Chase, Ms. Clements, Ms. Riales, Mrs. Smith

NAYS: 0:

ABSTAIN: 0:

ABSENT: 2: Pastor Horton, Ms. Perez

The motion passed.

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Reginald Stewart, Secretary