

**East Grand Rapids Library Commission Meeting**

**Monday January 25, 2021**

East Grand Rapids Community Center, Room 105  
7:00 PM

**Agenda**

- I. Call to Order**
  
- II. Approval of Minutes**
  
- III. Friends of the Library Report – Mary Dersch**
  
- IV. Branch Manager’s Report – Dawn Lewis**
  - Update on Library Services and hours
  - Martin Luther King Jr. Day Activity and Reading List
  - Windows and Mirrors Chapter Book Club
  - Update on Amy Van Andel Library and Community Center in Ada
  
- V. New Business**
  
- VI. Public Comment**
  
- VII. Adjournment**

## East Grand Rapids Library Commission Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2020

Present: Dawn Lewis                      Betsy Brown                      Ryan Duffield  
             Brian Hartigan                      Deirdre Honner                      Claudine Duncan  
             Mary Dersch                      Chad Balon

### **I. Call to Order**

- Dawn Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

- January 27, 2020 Meeting Minutes were not approved due to no Officers in attendance

### **III. Introduction of Members**

- Existing Members Dawn Lewis, Mary Dersch, Betsy Brown and Claudine Duncan and new Members Brian Hartigan, Ryan Duffield, Chad Balon and Deirdre Honner provided brief introductions about themselves

### **IV. Election of Officers**

- Deirdre Honner - Chair
- Betsy Brown - Vice-Chair
- Chad Balon - Secretary

### **V. Friends of the Library Report – Mary Dersch**

- May 2020 book sale was canceled due to COVID-19; has been rescheduled for November 2020 (date TBD)
- Online book sales have generated approximately \$1,200 since August
- Reminder to follow “Friends of the EGR Library” on Facebook
- Friends of the Library continues to accept book donations
- Mary Dersch provided membership forms to new Commission Members

### **VI. Branch Manager’s Report – Dawn Lewis**

- Branch reopened in August
- New curbside service launched during COVID-19 closure
  - Popular with parents of young children
  - Created occasional parking concerns
  - Ability to call ahead and request books is well-received
- Branch now operating under normal hours, except for Sunday
  - Sunday hours likely to resume in early 2021
- KDL and branch programming/content will continue solely on KDL.org until early 2021
- Author Hena Khan visit
  - In October 2020 Ms. Khan will visit EGR schools in person, then do a virtual visit to the branch
  - Program will focus on diversity as a cultural theme

- Write Michigan Short Story Contest
  - Presented by KDL
  - Story submission info can be found at [www.writemichigan.org](http://www.writemichigan.org)
  - Spanish-language category is new for 2020
- Writers' conference has been canceled for this fall; rescheduled for April 2021
- New KDL website & catalog going live at the end of October 2020
- New Ada branch
  - Currently under construction
  - Late January 2021 opening scheduled
  - Dawn Lewis will serve as Branch Manager
- Overdrive and Hoopla apps have been well-received by KDL patrons
- KDL has eliminated late fees
- Reminder about extensive resources available at [KDL.org/learning](http://KDL.org/learning)

**VII. New Business**

No new business

**VIII. Public Comment**

No public comments

**IX. Adjournment**

Deirdre Honner adjourned the meeting at 7:33pm