

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Jaime McDonald, Lesa Neese, Rebecca Bennett, Barbara Clemons, Jennifer Leisure, Director Bonnie Pierson, and Mayor Connie Schroeder.

Citizen Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

There were none

Staff Report:

Activities -

Director Bonnie Pierson highlighted some of the activities detailed in the agenda packet, including a shout out to Bethany Dietrich for her programs in April. She helped Colorado River Academy do their research for the Generation Citizen project, whereby they research an issue, draft legislation to address the issue, and then present it to a board of adults.

Greg Wredberg has been hired as a temporary employee. Ashley Guerrero will be taking maternity leave soon. Cary Kittrell has been reassigned to work at City Hall in the Communications department.

Opening week for Summer Reading will begin June 1. The theme is "Tails and Tales." There will be fun activities in the library or around town each day. Because of covid, there are no large gatherings or performances planned.

Laid-Back Book Club has begun. There is a list of books for patrons to read and then comment on a Facebook page whenever they like.

Friends of the Library –

The Friends awarded a scholarship to Pearl Osorio. The Treasurer has decided not to serve another term. The Pop-Up Book Sale brought in \$1,586 in just three hours.

Statistical Report –

No discussion.

Financial Report –

There were 300 new non-resident library cards issued in the second quarter of the fiscal year.

Consent Agenda:

Les Neese moved and Barbara Clemons seconded to approve the April 5, 2021 minutes as written. The motion carried.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

CARES Grant money paid for the self-check stations and the mobile check app. The app is still not working, but the vendor is now working on getting it fixed. More and more patrons are using the self-check stations.

The Hanscher Grant will be used to purchase mobile wifi hotspots for patrons to check out. It will also pay for extending the Library's wifi into the Library parking lot.

The Strategic Plan is finished. The staff met in April to discuss focus areas. They easily came to a consensus on what each area included. President Mary Jo Jenkins asked Bonnie to convey the Board's sincere appreciation for their hard work on the Strategic Plan. Jennifer Leisure moved and Les Neese seconded approval of the Strategic Plan.

Updates:

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Rebecca Bennett

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins

Mary Jo Jenkins, President