Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

April 5, 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, Sally Keinarth, Jennifer Leisure, Director Bonnie Pierson, and Mayor Connie Schroeder.

Citizen Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

It is National Library Week.

Staff Report:

Activities -

Two hundred thirty-seven patrons have used the self-check. Director Bonnie Pierson highlighted items from the Librarian’s Report, including that the library is transitioning to 100% service and planning more in-person activities this summer.

Friends of the Library —

The Friends will be holding a Pop-Up book sale on April 10 in the parking lot. There is currently a “dot sale” in the Book Nook. Each month, the books with a particular color dot are on sale.

Statistical Report —

There were no questions about the Statistical Report.

Library Board fund —

The Bastrop Women’s Literary Guild donated $350. The money was used to purchase 20 books.

Comprehensive survey results —

Bonnie Pierson reviewed the information about the survey results in the agenda packet, noting that most respondents asked for more books, and that 90% of respondents rated the Library as excellent or good overall. She added that many people don’t know about e-books and Internet. This is addressed in the Focus Areas for the Long Range Plan.

Consent Agenda:

Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the minutes for the March 1, 2021 meeting. Barbara Clemons seconded, and the motion carried.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:
The Library currently has two grants. The first is the CARES grant. The second is the Hanscher Grant. Originally, the Library had requested the money for 10 laptops to circulate in the Library, and 10 internet hotspots to check out. However, since the Library is transitioning to full capacity, the laptops are no longer needed. Instead, the Library will request wifi access in the parking lot for patrons to access 24 hours a day.

**Long Range Plan** –

Bonnie Pierson reviewed the five Focus Areas in the Long Range Plan.

**Information Campaign** –

Sally Keinarth presented an infographic for the campaign. It consists of five major points. Bonnie Pierson and the board thanked Sally for her hard work.

**Updates:**

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted ________________________ 
Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved ________________________
Mary Jo Jenkins, President