

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2022

1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Jenkins at 6:03 pm. Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Barbara Clemons, Sally Keinarth, Meagan Webb, and Laura Goodwin, Jennifer Leisure, Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich, Library Director Bonnie Pierson, Assistant City Manager Rebecca Gleason, and Mayor Connie Schroeder.

2. Presentations

- a. Announcements from Library Board members: A special election is being held for City Council Place 3 on January 29th; Sally Keinarth got the plaque for the honoring of the memory of Dr. Neil Gurwitz.

3. Staff and Board Reports

- a. Monthly Report on Library Activities
 - i. City Friends story time with Candice Butts and Kathy Danielson went very well; February's program will be presented by Ann Franklin
 - ii. Open House went very well; around 700 people attended and the Bastrop Police Department won the house decorating contest
 - iii. The library is adding 12 more outlets throughout the building to allow greater access for patrons to charge electronics; multiple bids have been secured and the project is set to be completed by the end of February
 - iv. The library is receiving applications for 2 open positions, Public Services Associate and a Librarian position
 - v. The upcoming staff meeting for the library will focus on team building, messaging, and branding
- b. Monthly Statistical Report
 - i. The presentation of statistics was aligned with the strategic focus areas:
 1. Community Engagement: when compared with previous year, higher nonresident usage, behind in total registrations
 2. Lifelong Learning: certain databases have been noted to not be used as frequently; library staff will evaluate
 3. Culture of Service: Savannah stats show that library has a much higher than average rate of opens for emails sent and for clicks, demonstrating high engagement from recipients
- c. Monthly Financial Report
 - i. Year to Date Revenue: \$8,770.44
 - ii. November 2021 Revenue: \$2,527.72

4. Citizen Comments

- a. No citizen comments

5. Consent Agenda

- a. A typo was noted in section 3(a)(iii) of the minutes from December's meeting, which was corrected
- b. Jennifer Leisure made a motion to approve the minutes with correction and Barbara Clemons seconded; minutes were approved

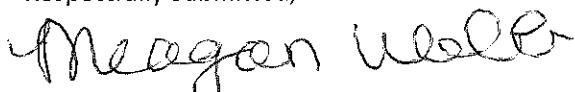
6. Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion

- a. A discussion was had concerning the citizen comment from December's meeting, during which a library patron asked that a book called *Irreversible Damage* be added to the library's collection. The Board agreed that the book did not meet the standards of the library's policy for addition of materials, and that library staff had complied with all reasonable efforts to locate information that would have supported its inclusion.
 - i. Sally Keinarth made a motion to uphold the library staff's decision not to add the book to the collection and Laura Goodwin seconded; the motion was approved
 - ii. Meagan Webb will create a letter to be signed by all Board members and sent to the patron, explaining the Board's decision

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Meagan Webb, Secretary

