City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022

1. Call to Order
   a. Meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Jenkins at 6:01 pm. Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Barbara Clemons, Meagan Webb, Laura Goodwin, Jennifer Leisure, Sally Keinarth, and Library Director Bonnie Pierson.

2. Citizen Comments
   a. No citizen comments

3. Announcements
   a. March 14-18 is BISD’s Spring Break; the library will have special programming that week.
   b. The book and plant sale will take place Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th.
   c. The library’s summer reading program will begin Tuesday, May 31st and will run through Saturday, July 23rd; there will be opening week activities.
   d. Library Director Announcements
      i. Bonnie will be on the Heart of Texas talk show
      ii. April 6th begins National Library Week; there will be a proclamation at the City Council meeting on 03/22/22
   e. Board Member Announcements
      i. None

4. Reports
   a. Library Director Report
      i. City Friends story time in March was presented by Ann Franklin and was very successful; April’s will be presented by Kimberly Handley on water conservation
      ii. Bethany visited Founders Classical Academy for Black History Month, which was very well received
      iii. The library will be participating in International Walking Day on April 6th
      iv. The library will also be participating in Spring Fest, a community event being held on April 23rd
      v. The library’s new AC unit was installed and is working well
      vi. The associate position was offered to and accepted by Kathryn Durham
      vii. There are 3 applicants for the librarian position that will be interviewed soon
   b. Statistical Comparison Report
      i. The presentation of statistics was aligned with the strategic focus areas:
         1. Community Engagement: increased programming; school tours are coming up; membership: 93 new city cards, with a year to date total of 261
         2. Lifelong Learning: total public computer use is up from last year, at 16,586 year to date, even with the server not working for the kids and teen computers
3. Books & Reading: checking for January were at 9141, which is up from December; the library added 936 books so far this year, and restarted their standing order of “Cozy Mysteries”; library is in the process of updating and replacing items in the juvenile fiction section

4. Culture of Service: library has started sending a welcome email when someone signs up; click for January were at 163, which is a rate of 25%

      i. Year to Date Revenue: $16,805.12
      ii. December 2021 Revenue: $4,398.32

5. Presentations – None

6. Workshop
   a. Board discussed fine free libraries: Bonnie found 3 reports with data regarding the impacts/effectiveness of making libraries fine free and explained that the Board has many options for creating recommendations around this issue (i.e. a mixture of no fines for certain things, but fines for others); Board asked to discuss this topic more in depth at the next meeting, in order to decide on recommendations

7. Consent Agenda
   a. Jennifer Leisure made a motion to approve the minutes with no corrections noted and Barbara Clemons seconded; minutes were approved

8. Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion
   a. Multiple Board members asked that the topic of fine free libraries be placed on the March agenda for further discussion

9. Adjournment
   a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Meagan Webb, Secretary

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Mary Jo Jenkins, President