

## **Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes**

October 4, 2021

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Barbara Clemons, Rebecca Bennett, Sally Keinarth, Jennifer Leisure, Meagan Webb, Laura Goodwin, Director Bonnie Pierson, and Mayor Connie Schroeder.

### **Citizen Comments:**

There were none.

### **Announcements:**

Mayor Connie Schroeder introduced new board members Meagan Webb and Laura Goodwin. Meagan is the director of the Children's Advocacy Center and Laura works in home health care. Both are active outdoors. Director Bonnie Pierson announced that Ashley Guerrero has resigned. Her last day was Sept. 28. She is now the library director at Martindale Public Library. Bonnie and her staff are sad to see her go but very happy for this opportunity for her.

### **Staff Report:**

#### **Activities -**

The self-check continues to be very popular. The Lego Club met in person for the first time since the pandemic started. Thirty-seven people attended. The Housing Authority would like the Library to offer some outreach to their residents, so the staff delivered some fliers and may make a visit with more information for the residents. Two student clerks were recently hired. Bonnie said that they are doing a wonderful job. The Hancher Grant final report is due at the end of October. The City Boards and Commissions dinner is set for Oct. 14. The second grade from Calvary school recently visited the Library, and one student commented, "The library is my happy place."

#### **Friends of the Library –**

The Friends held their annual meeting and welcomed several new members and elected new officers. The sale went well. The Garden Club reported \$3000 revenue for their one-day sale, and the Friends reported their revenue as \$1500 for the weekend.

#### **Statistical Report –**

No discussion.

#### **Financial Report –**

Non-resident fees so far this fiscal year are \$33,050. Bonnie will present a total for the entire fiscal year. The BISD ACE program has changed leadership, so the Friends have postponed the start of their non-resident fee subsidies until later in October.

### **Consent Agenda:**

Becky Bennett noted one typo in the minutes: In the Activities paragraph, "and" should be "an." Jennifer Leisure moved and Barbara Clemons seconded to approve the Sept. 13, 2021 minutes as corrected. The motion carried.

**Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:**

**Executive Positions –**

The Board will elect officers at the next meeting. President Mary Jo Jenkins read the description for each of the positions available: Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Mary Jo appointed Barbara Clemons and Becky Bennett as the Nomination Committee. Becky asked that anyone interested in serving to remain after the meeting. Mary Jo explained that the Board needs to begin working on new bylaws since they were lost in a computer crash in 2012.

**Memorial for Neil Gurwitz –**

Dr. Neil Gurwitz served on the Library Board 1977-1988. Bonnie suggested that the Board purchase a plaque recognizing him for his service as they have done for other deceased Board members and donors. Sally Keinarth moved that the Board commission a plaque; Jennifer Leisure seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Sally volunteered to gather information and prices from vendors.

**Holiday Open House –**

Jennifer Leisure has secured performances by cellists and an accordion player. The Honor Choir also confirmed. Bonnie announced plans for the Christmas tree: It will be decorated with ornaments made by children at Story Time. The staff may need the help of volunteers to decorate the Library in preparation of the Open House. There will be no Santa this year. However, there will be some kind of photo booth. The Gingerbread House Contest will be open to City departments only this year. The staff is still working on plans for the Gingerbread House program for the children. Bonnie suggested that the Board take the lead on selecting, ordering, and picking up the refreshments. Several members volunteered for various committees.

**Updates:**

President Mary Jo Jenkins asked that the next agenda include addressing new Charter and Bylaws.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted Rebecca Bennett

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins

Mary Jo Jenkins, President