

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 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:

There were none.

Staff Report:

Activities – Bethany Dietrich hosted the BISD ACE program and led them in a game involving books. The students and teachers loved the game so much, that the teachers asked her for the directions to they can play it again. Sheila Bowman celebrated 17 years with the Library; Catherine Lombardo celebrated 2 years with the Library in December.

The staff thanked the Board very much for the luncheon that they sponsored.

Director Bonnie Pierson is on the City's recreation planning team.

Erate filing is underway. The Library's paperwork for continued accreditation from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission is due at the end of March.

The City begins work on the budget in March.

Friends of the Library – The Friends are doing great. The Book Nook has seen an increase in sales each month since the reopening in October.

Statistical Report – No discussion.

Financial report – The City instituted the non-resident fee over a year ago. However, the staff is still working to educate the public about it. Most non-resident patrons do not object to the fee.

Consent Agenda:

The minutes for the January 4, 2021 meeting were approved as written.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

The Library's Long Range Plan expired in 2020. A Long Range Plan is required by the TSLAC for accreditation. The new Plan is due in March with the Library's application for continued accreditation. Director Bonnie Pierson presented the survey of the public, both Library patrons and non-patrons. The Library team will use the information to develop the Long Range Plan.

Becky Bennett suggested adding a question to the first section about how often the respondent accesses ebooks through the Library.

Sally Keinath asked about the feasibility of a book mobile to bring books to patrons that live outside the city.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins

Mary Jo Jenkins, President

Acting Secretary Sally Keinath