

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

January 4, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 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:

Bonnie Pierson accepted the position of Library Director. Calvary Church will have a parade on Jan. 7 at 4:30 p.m. They will begin in the parking lot shared by the church and the Library. The Library will be closed Jan. 18 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Mayor Schroeder announced that CARTS has begun their electric cab service, which is free. The van service will begin Jan. 11. Both services will operate Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Discounts for the van service are available for seniors, veterans, and persons with disabilities.

Staff Report:

Activities -

The self-check began in October and was funded by a CARES grant. As of November, 168 patrons have used the self-check. Library staff is working on implementing a mobile check-out which is also funded by a CARES grant. With the mobile check-out, patrons will be able to check out on their phones. The implementation target is February. The Holiday Open House was attended by 512 patrons. Everyone thought it was great. The graham cracker house decorating contest went really well. The City Utilities department won in the group category. Board member Sally Keinarth won in the individual category. Cary Kittrell celebrated 15 years with the Library in November

Friends of the Library –

The Friends did not meet in December.

Statistical Report –

There has been an increase in phone reference and patrons researching their ancestors.

Library Board fund –

Non-donation income is \$8,556.55. The Library earned \$7,000 from non-resident fees. Patrons like using Paypal to pay their fees and fines.

Consent Agenda:

The minutes for the December 7, 2020 meeting were approved as written.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

Discussion about employee appreciation lunch: Bonnie Pierson said that Jan. 19 is the best day for the luncheon as it is a Tuesday, and the Library doesn't open until 1 p.m. There are eight staff. Sally Keinarth volunteered to coordinate the luncheon and communicate with all board members.

Updates:

Jaime McDonald asked about future plans regarding Covid precautions. Mayor Schroeder said the current plan will continue. She added that she hopes the vaccine providers will soon get to the 1B group.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Rebecca Bennett

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins

Mary Jo Jenkins, President