

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Mary Jo Jenkins.

Members present were

Mary Jo Jenkins, Barbara Clemons, Jamie McDonald, Sally Keinarth, Lesa Neese, Rebecca Bennett, Mayor Connie Schroeder, James Altgelt and Library Director Becca Sexton.

Citizen Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

The Library has provided new name badges for Board members.

Staff Report:

Activities -

Becca Sexton and Bonnie met with community groups about providing programs in January and February.

The Library has received the eRate rebate for the first quarter.

The Boards and Commissions banquet went great.

The Library will hold shelter training Dec. 5 and 6.

There were 39 patrons at the Lego Club.

Twelve adults participated in crafting in November.

The 3D printer is now working.

The Library is still not receiving magazines regularly.

In order to implement the non-resident fee in January, the Library is installing credit card readers and they continue to work to inform the public about the new fees.

The Library will solicit bids for Internet service as part of a requirement for eRate funding.

The Library received a mostly positive Google review.

Becca Sexton and Jesse continue to work on Internet speed and connection issues.

The Library has received several gifts in memory of Anne Beck.

Friends of the Library –

The Friends of the Library have received another officer resignation.

The Friends have set up an Amazon Smile account through which the Library will receive revenue.

The Friends reported revenue of \$2354 in November.

The Friends will not meet this month.

Statistical Report –

Because of a change in how data is collected, some of the statistics in the report are not accurate. This issue should be resolved as the year progresses and the statistics from the old collection method drop off the report and more data from the new method are added to the report.

Library Board fund –

There were no questions or comments.

Consent Agenda:

The November minutes were approved with one correction.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

Plans for the Open House are progressing well.

Updates:

Because the publisher Macmillan continues their embargo of ebooks, some libraries have resolved to boycott Macmillan in protest.

The City Council heard the first reading of and voted on the ordinance governing boards and commissions on Nov. 26. They will hear a second reading in December.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted _____

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins _____

Mary Jo Jenkins, President