

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 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, Jennifer Leisure, Sally Keinarth, Rebecca Bennett, Mayor Connie Schroeder, and Library Director Becca Sexton. Lesa Neese notified by email that she would not be able to attend.

Citizen Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

The Board training was held last week.

Mary Jo Jenkins thanked those who helped with the Halloween Festival.

Staff Report:

Becca Sexton and Bonnie met with the Bastrop Audubon Society to work on programming toward having Bastrop designated a Bird City.

The Library staff are currently working on applying for Erate funding, which reimburses the Library for Internet access.

The average attendance at Books and Babies is 13, and there were 80 patrons at the Fire Safety day. The Teens' Dungeons and Dragons activity is now its own program in addition to the regular Teen program. There are now two Chess Clubs, one for children and one for adults.

The Fall Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is this Thursday 11-7

The Library will be closed this Saturday for Hotrods and Heroes in the parking lot.

Repair work will begin on the window leak.

The Library is no longer taking donations for bricks and tiles. However, since there was a backlog of 17 bricks and one tile a vendor has been engaged to complete these.

The delivery and payment problems with the Austin American-Statesman have been resolved.

The 3D printer is still not working. There is no warranty and no service plan. Becca Sexton is still trying to find a qualified repairman.

The Boards and Commissions banquet is Nov. 14.

The president of the Friends of the Library has resigned and Becca Sexton will assist them in recruiting a new president.

The statistics and the Library Board fund are included in the Agenda packet. There were no questions.

Consent Agenda:

The October minutes were approved with corrections.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

The nominating committee, represented by Barbara Clemons, put forth a slate of candidates:

President – Mary Jo Jenkins
Vice President – Barbara Clemons
Secretary – Rebecca Bennett

A motion to accept the slate and elect the candidates was approved.

No bylaws have been located. Because the City Council will consider a new ordinance governing Boards and Commissions at their meeting on Nov. 12, the item was tabled.

All Board members (except those who will not be available) have signed up to volunteer at the Holiday Open House. Volunteers will receive an email reminder. Board members are each asked to bring three dozen cookies, and they are further asked to recruit three friends to bring cookies.

Updates:

The non-resident fee for a Library card was arrived at by benchmarking what other area libraries charge their non-resident patrons. Non-residents with a TexShare card can check out up to five materials without paying for a Bastrop Library card.

According to the American Library Association calculator, the Bastrop Public Library provides \$4.8 million worth of programming each year. The Library staff will be working on communicating to the public the value of a library card.

The recent complete inventory found that about 1300 items are unaccounted for. Becca Sexton reported that this is a reasonable number considering that the Library has never done a complete inventory before. As the staff looks for items that have been mis-shelved, they expect that number to fall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved



Mary Jo Jenkins, President