

**BASTROP PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**AUGUST 5, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER** --The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Mary Jo Jenkins.

*Members* Members present were as follows: Becky Schaefer, Barbara Clemons, Rebecca Bennett, Lesa Neese and Jamie McDonald. Library Director Becca Sexton and City Council Liaison Connie Schroeder were also in attendance.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**-- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**--The library will be closed on September 24 and 25 for inventory. On August 27 there will be a proclamation made by City Council to promote Library Card Sign Up. Library Director Becca Sexton extended thanks to all that helped with the party held at the end of the Summer Reading Program. She will also be overhauling policies for staff and patrons. She will make changes in the way that data is provided to the board. Job descriptions will be reviewed and more programs will be offered. Becca has noted that the collection at the library is old and her wish list is for a face lift and to improve signage for the building and around town. Introductions were done with Board Members and the new Director.

**STAFF REPORT**--Director Sexton feels that the stats from May and June do not reflect the true business that is being done at the library. Book Buddies had 116 participants. Passive programs had 668 participants and the Summer Reading Wrap Up party had 450 in attendance. There were 2 patrons that took part in the Earn and Learn program. The staff will have meetings and training and they will be gearing up for the Library Card sign up. Ashley did a webinar on a new Ebook lending platform. The Lost Pines Garden Club presented a check to the library. Board President Mary Jo Jenkins and Library Director Becca Sexton manned the booth at the City Volunteer Fair. No bricks or tiles were sold for the month. The Friends of the Library did not have a meeting in July. They donated 3 iPads to the Library and they donated funds for the Welcome Reception for the new Director. There were no questions concerning the Library Board Fund

**CONSENT AGENDA**--the minutes for the June meeting were read and approved.

**ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION**--Mary Jo asks about having a Seed Library and partnering with the Garden Club to provide information on planting and growing them. Director Sexton informed the board that the sale of bricks and tiles has been suspended to revamp the reason to buy these items. Becca would like to use the selling of the

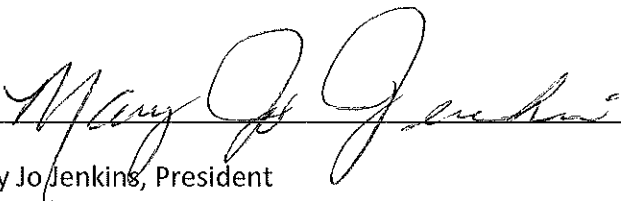
bricks and tiles as a fund raiser for special projects and special needs. The Creation Station has been placed on hold for now. Becca wants to get a better plan in place for using the 3-D printer.

**UPDATES**--the City will do interviews for the Library Board. Applications need to be filled out for reappointment consideration. Ann Franklin will set up time slots for interviews on August 26th or 28th. Mayor Connie Schroeder will make appointments and new board members will start meetings in October. The insurance adjuster valued the thermal camera way less than the actual value. Becca will bet a quote for a new one and see if it is in the budget. We may need to go with a cheaper and not so high-tech counter.

**ADJOURNMENT**--the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted, \_\_\_\_\_

Becky Schaefer, Secretary

Approved,  \_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Jenkins, President