

BASTROP PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOVEMBER 6, 2017

CALL TO ORDER--President Mary Jo Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present were as follows: Becky Schaefer, Barbara Clemons, Rebecca Bennett, Dixie West, Lesa Neese, Jamie McDonald and Carolyn Wiginton. Librarian Mickey DuVall and President of the Friends of the Library--Grace Dacy were also in attendance. Willie Schlickeisen sent an email to Mickey to let him know that he would not be able to attend.

MINUTES--October minutes were read and approved

CITIZEN COMMENTS--None

ANNOUNCEMENTS--Mickey has all the entertainment and Santa booked for the Open House (harpist, Honor Choir and Gary and Donna Taylor). The Library Board made a volunteer work schedule for Open House and it will be given to the Friends Group. Each board member will provide 4 dozen cookies and they can be delivered on Friday December 8

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT--written report provided

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT--President Grace Darcy attended the Board Meeting. The Friends will also volunteer at the Open House

OLD BUSINESS--3 bricks were sold. The Maker Space cabinet should be ready soon. It is being built by Smithville ISD students. The stand for the AC unit was not the right size so the installation of the unit is on hold for now. A Staff Development Day was held to discuss the future of the library. Staff members were able to add input and the group did good job. This event will be held again. There are still computer and phone issues. A new IT person has been hired and they will start on 11-27. They will provide service to the Police Department and the Library. The computers are old and beyond maintenance. By the first of December they could install 21 new computers. We have already lost over 1 year on the 3 year maintenance contract. WiFi is still real slow. We are paying for 1 G and we are not getting this. The new computers should resolve this. There are problems with the network printers. They are not receiving info and the staff is having to set them up manually by entering IP address on a daily basis. The new Emergency Shelter on Hill Street should be ready soon. The Senior Citizen Group

will be housed there. Tickets for the knife raffles will be sold during the car show but not at the venue.

NEW BUSINESS--Library goals are listed as follows:

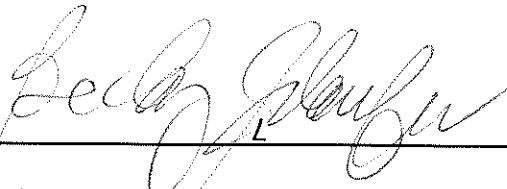
- arrange books by genre
- working on the Maker Space
- new program for Tweens
- provide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programming
- Start a Chess Club
- Establish operating rules for the new FEMA shelter
- Workplan objectives

Other new business:

- There will be a banquet held on 11-9-17 for City of Bastrop Board Members.
- A draft will be sent out on the Maker Space Policy. The age limit on the use of 3D printer and CNC vinyl cutter will be revisited. Prices will be posted (and subject to change) Patrons will be charged by the gram and it will be added in that they patron will need to pay regardless if they like their product or not.
- A joint work session with the City Council will be held on 2-15-18 (Thursday). Mickey will get more information on the format.
- Annual Statistics Review--Circulation is down. Library use is dropping. Visitor count was up. Changes seem to go in cycles
- Casey Wilhelm will do marketing for the Library. She will try to get information out about the Library. The front page of the Bastrop Advertiser has a column that announces weekly events.

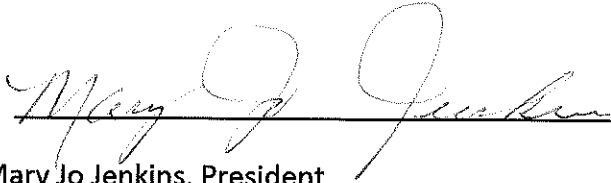
ADJOURN--the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,



Becky Schaefer, Secretary

Approved,



Mary Jo Jenkins, President