

BASTROP PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MAY 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

Vice President Lisa Crick called the meeting to order. Members present were as follows: Lisa Crick, Rebecca Bennett, Jamie McDonald, Michael MacDonald, Lesa Neese, Willie Schlickeinsen. Mary Jo Jenkins, Becky Schaefer, and Ellen Moore called to advise they would be unable to attend the meeting. Librarian Mickey DuVall was also in attendance.

MINUTES

Minutes were unavailable for review and were not approved due to the absence of the board secretary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kevin Unger, City IT Director, has resigned and provisions made for his vacancy may mean limited assistance for the library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The library staff's schedules fluctuated considerably during the last month resulting in varied schedule changes. Cookie has returned from family illness leave and will be scheduled full time pending further assessment of her ill family

member. In the midst of the varied scheduling of staff Library Director, Mickey DuVall did not attend TLA, however Librarians Sheilah Kosco and Bonnie Ueckert attended the successfully informative conference in Houston.

See attached printout for further details.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY GROUP

The Friends of the Public Library met for their monthly meeting. The book sale was considered a success. It was noted that while the quantity of books is large there is a need for an increase in non-fiction selections. The Friends are working to establish a more consistent pricing strategy for future sales.

OLD BUSINESS

Due to staff changes in the computer trainer position in The BTOP grant program, the BTOP grant will not honor an original agreement with the Bastrop Public Library of providing 10 new desktop computers meant to replace the public adult computers. The library received 20 computers from the initiation of this grant and Director DuVall does not feel that it is beneficial to pursue the matter any further. No further action was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

The final draft of the Long-Range Plan for the Bastrop Public Library was reviewed and accepted as written with a motion made by Rebecca Bennett with a second by Jamie McDonald—The Long Range Plan for the Bastrop Public Library

was approved with a unanimous vote. Future goals for the inclusion for means of measurement of success for long range plans and inclusion of provisions of E-Books was discussed. Director DuVall provided information concerning E-Books noting that at this time they are not cost effective for the public entity as the majority of publishers will not sell to public libraries, leaving cost at or near retail pricing. Books are also limited to one check out at a time from a pool of providers. The current options from E-Book vendors would cost \$3,500 yearly with a 3 year commitment and a required \$2,500 to be spent on the books themselves. The ALA is currently working on the behalf of the public libraries, however at this time success concerning cost effectiveness has been limited.

The Bastrop Public Library Budget for the City of Bastrop will remain the same as the previous year. Upcoming priority expenditures in this year's budget include replacing light bulbs on the original side of the library as the current bulbs will be obsolete in four years, the replacement of current four foot book shelves for seven foot shelving and the additions of a new project table and book-drop cart. Also included in this year's city budget is a request for two new positions.

After review and discussion motion was made to approve the Bastrop Public Library Board of Directors Annual Budget by Lisa Crick with a second by Michael MacDonald. The motion passed unanimously. The budget remains consistent with the past few years with an average balance of \$10,000. Donations remain down as they have over the past few years and Director DuVall expressed plans to increase awareness of giving opportunities both to the community at large and the private sector. He noted that funds from this budget are helpful in planning for staff training throughout the year and serves well as an emergency fund as well as helps in providing for the book budget deficit.

The library received notification that they did not receive the Book Festival Grant. Funding from this grant was sought to purchase E-books to help in meeting patrons demands for digital services.

Frank Williams, a representative employed by the National Emergency Grant, is working on behalf of the library to collect information on the Bastrop County Complex Fire. Mickey DuVall has been in contact with staff at the University of Texas and plans to extend his contacts to other surrounding universities and related entities in an effort to benefit from their expertise in helping to formulate a plan and structure for collecting and archiving as much information as possible related to the local historic fire. Board member Michael MacDonald offered some other resources for consideration.

In additional business, Michael MacDonald suggested that the Bastrop Advertiser link on the library's webpage have a higher profile in a joint effort to partner in sharing information with the community.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Lesa Neese

Approved, May P. Jenkins