

Bastrop Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Jaime McDonald, Lesa Neese, Rebecca Bennett, Barbara Clemons, Sally Keinarth, Jennifer Leisure, Director Bonnie Pierson, and Mayor Connie Schroeder.

Citizen Comments:

There were none.

Announcements:

Ashley Guerrero's baby is due tomorrow and she will be taking maternity leave soon. Bonnie Pierson was featured on the city's podcast "Overheard at City Hall" today. The service for Cookie Atkins's husband, Randy, will be June 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Marrs Jones Funeral Home. The first Summer in the City did not happen on June 5.

Staff Report:

Activities -

Sixty-seven new library cards were issued in April. The staff spent May preparing for Summer Reading. Bethany Dietrich and Carmen Serna were named BISD Partners of the Year. They have been working with the ACE program all year. Bonnie Pierson spoke at the Rotary Club about the services the library provides that most people don't know about. Summer Reading launched last week with 417 registrations, which is more than in 2019. Opening week activities were well attended. Coffee with Catherine resumes on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library –

The Friends will hold a book sale in September in conjunction with the Garden Club. They will hold their annual meeting the Thursday before the annual meeting.

Statistical Report –

In April, the Library circulated over 7,000 items. The Library website was Googled over 10,000 times in one month.

Financial Report –

Revenue from non-resident fees since October totals \$18,000.

Consent Agenda:

Lesa Neese moved and Jennifer Leisure seconded to approve the May 3, 2021 minutes as written. The motion carried.

Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion:

Update of Grant Status –

The Mobile Checkout is now working. The Library received permission to revise the Hanscher Grant. The mobile hotspots have been ordered. The Library also received permission to extend wifi to the parking lot, which should be running in July. Both grant reports are due in October.

Discussion and Approval of Hotspot Lending Documents –

The Board discussed the documents, correcting a typo on the Lending Agreement. The fourth bullet in the first section should read "The Borrower's Borrowing Agreement must be signed *each time* a hotspot is checked out." Sally Keinarth suggested a change to the fifth bullet in the second section of the same document to read "Only the borrower and persons in the borrower's household are authorized to use the hotspot." Becky Bennett noted that on the Hotspot Borrowing Agreement, the last two bullets are in first person while all the previous bullets are in third person and suggested that the last two bullets be changed. Bonnie Pierson agreed to all of these corrections and changes. Sally Keinarth moved that the Board approve the documents with the noted corrections and changes. Barbara Clemons second the motion, and it carried.

Updates:

Individual requests for Library Board members for items to be listed on future agendas –

There were none.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted Rebecca Bennett

Rebecca Bennett, Secretary

Approved Mary Jo Jenkins

Mary Jo Jenkins, President