

# City of Bastrop Public Library Board

## Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2022

### 1. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order by President Mary Jo Jenkins at 6:01 pm. Members present were President Mary Jo Jenkins, Barbara Clemons, Meagan Webb, Laura Goodwin, Jennifer Leisure, Sally Keinarth, and Library Director Bonnie Pierson.

### 2. Citizen Comments

- a. No citizen comments

### 3. Announcements

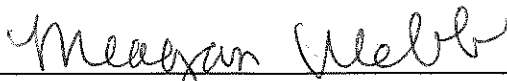
- a. March 14-18 is BISD's Spring Break; the library will have special programming that week.
- b. The book and plant sale will take place Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The library's summer reading program will begin Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> and will run through Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>; there will be opening week activities.
- d. Library Director Announcements
  - i. Bonnie will be on the Heart of Texas talk show
  - ii. April 6<sup>th</sup> begins National Library Week; there will be a proclamation at the City Council meeting on 03/22/22
- e. Board Member Announcements
  - i. None


### 4. Reports

- a. Library Director Report
  - i. City Friends story time in March was presented by Ann Franklin and was very successful; April's will be presented by Kimberly Handley on water conservation
  - ii. Bethany visited Founders Classical Academy for Black History Month, which was very well received
  - iii. The library will be participating in International Walking Day on April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. The library will also be participating in Spring Fest, a community event being held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - v. The library's new AC unit was installed and is working well
  - vi. The associate position was offered to and accepted by Kathryn Durham
  - vii. There are 3 applicants for the librarian position that will be interviewed soon
- b. Statistical Comparison Report
  - i. The presentation of statistics was aligned with the strategic focus areas:
    1. Community Engagement: increased programming; school tours are coming up; membership: 93 new city cards, with a year to date total of 261
    2. Lifelong Learning: total public computer use is up from last year, at 16,586 year to date, even with the server not working for the kids and teen computers

3. Books & Reading: checking for January were at 9141, which is up from December; the library added 936 books so far this year, and restarted their standing order of "Cozy Mysteries"; library is in the process of updating and replacing items in the juvenile fiction section
  4. Culture of Service: library has started sending a welcome email when someone signs up; click for January were at 163, which is a rate of 25%
- c. Monthly Financial Report
    - i. Year to Date Revenue: \$16,805.12
    - ii. December 2021 Revenue: \$4,398.32
5. **Presentations – None**
  6. **Workshop**
    - a. Board discussed fine free libraries: Bonnie found 3 reports with data regarding the impacts/effectiveness of making libraries fine free and explained that the Board has many options for creating recommendations around this issue (i.e. a mixture of no fines for certain things, but fines for others); Board asked to discuss this topic more in depth at the next meeting, in order to decide on recommendations
  7. **Consent Agenda**
    - a. Jennifer Leisure made a motion to approve the minutes with no corrections noted and Barbara Clemons seconded; minutes were approved
  8. **Items for Individual Consideration and Discussion**
    - a. Multiple Board members asked that the topic of fine free libraries be placed on the March agenda for further discussion
  9. **Adjournment**
    - a. Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Meagan Webb, Secretary

  
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Mary Jo Jenkins, President