

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

November 06, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Bennett at 6:00 pm.

The members present were Lisa Gossett, Sally Keinarth, Jennifer Leisure, Laura Goodwin, Nancy Wood, Bonnie Pierson Library Director, and Cheryl Lee City Council Liaison. Vice- President Meagan Webb was present via live video.

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. The new Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal was introduced to the library board.
- b. The library will be closed the month of November for the following dates: Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran’s Day, Saturday, November 11th for the annual Veteran’s Day car show, and Thursday, November 23rd through Saturday November 25th for Thanksgiving.
- c. Jaqueline Baez, the Children’s Services Associate had to turn in an unexpected resignation. A search to fill this position temporarily will begin.
- d. Announcements from individual board members included a reminder from Nancy Wood that the 100th anniversary of the Downtown Bastrop Bridge would occur on Thursday, November 14th from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Neighbor’s Kitchen and Yard. Jennifer Leisure mentioned the recent History Fair was a remarkable success.

4. Reports

a. Director’s report

i. Programming:

- Fire Prevention week was from October 8th through the 14th. City of Bastrop firefighters came on some of the program dates. The firefighters read from books and demonstrated some of their firefighting gear. A total of 115 people attended the programming.
- The library hosted Solar Eclipse Day on Saturday, October 14th. A total of 585 people attended the event. Solar eclipse glasses were provided and there were several eclipse themed activities provided.
- St. David’s Libraries for Health gave a presentation for Breast Cancer Awareness month on Wednesday, October 18th during the Coffee with Catherine program. 12 people attended this program.

- Boo Bash occurred on Tuesday, October 31st in downtown Bastrop. The library participated with a decorated booth. The booth had 1,551 visitors.
- Saturday, November 4th, the library hosted a History Fair. Nine organizations were present. 72 people attended.

ii. Noteworthy:

- Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal joined the Bastrop Public Library on Monday, October 16th.
- A new adult program series, “Showtimes for Seniors” is being planned by Library Circulation Associate Catherine Lombardo. This program is slated to begin January 2024. A survey was given to library patrons to gather information regarding preferred days, general interest, and film genres.

iii. Updates:

- Photo ID library cards are a goal for the 2023 fiscal year.
- Research continues for RFID (Radio-Frequency identification) tags.
- Information was shared about volunteer statistics. This information can be found in the agenda.
- More sewing classes are being planned due to the popularity of the programming that has been offered.

b. Statistical Comparison Report:

The full report is available in the agenda packet. Noted areas of increases occurred in programming. Participation in Youth program attendance was down from last year and this is possible from staffing changes and decreased consistency with programming. Total new registrations and renewals have increased. Lifelong learning databases have increased usage with Mango Languages and Heritage Quest. In the area of Culture of Service, the general reference questions category continues to show increased usage.

c. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet for Financial Report.

5. Presentation

Bonnie Pierson presented a slide show: Fiscal Year 2023 in Review. Included were the goals for the upcoming year.

6. Workshop- None

7. Items for Individual Consideration

- a. Consider action to approve the updated Bastrop Public Library's Library User Responsibility and Conduct Policy. Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the new policy. Nancy Wood seconded the motion, and it was carried.
- b. Consider action to approve the Bastrop Public Library Minutes from October 02, 2023, with corrections made. Sally Keinarth moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Gossett seconded the motion, and it was carried.

8. Adjournment of meeting at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President