

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2024

1. The meeting was called to order by Acting President Laura Goodwin at 6:01 pm. The members present were Lisa Gossett, Jennifer Leisure, Nancy Wood, Laura Goodwin, and Sally Keinarth. Also present were City Council Liaison Cheryl Lee, Library Director Bonnie Pierson, and guest Kathy Danielson, the City of Bastrop Director of Community Engagement.
2. Citizen Comments – There were none.
3. Minutes Approval - Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the Bastrop Public Library Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2024. Nancy Wood seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.
4. Announcements
 - A. The library will be participating in the Solar Eclipse Watch Party on April 8 from 12 p.m. to 2 pm.
 - B. Staff members Amie Cuvelier and Eva Bernal will attend the annual Texas Library Association Conference in San Antonio April 15-19.
 - C. The library is celebrating Dia de los Ninos on April 30. Spanish children's books will be given out to the public. Youth Services Librarian Evan Bernal has crafts, live music, and a pinata for the children. Ten high school Spanish students will help with the event.
 - D. The Friends of the Library will hold their annual book sale Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. The Lost Pines Garden Center will partner with the Friends with a plant sale on Saturday, May 4th.
 - E. Bonnie Pierson introduced Children's Services Associate Arie Dirienzo.
 - F. Bonnie Pierson reported that she spoke at the area Rotary Club Meeting on March 26. She reported that they were very interested in the library and supportive of library services and programs.
 - G. The Library Board members received a thank you care from library staff in observance of April Volunteer Month.
 - H. Eva Bernal will be temporarily taking on volunteer supervision.
 - I. There were no announcements from individual board members.
5. Reports

- A. Bonnie Pierson reported that the Spring Break programs were extremely popular: The Lego Free Build had 72 people attend; the Mystere Box craft had 42 attendees.
- B. Library Associate for Circulation Services Catherine Lombardo wrote a thank you note to each library volunteer. Regular volunteers will each receive a gift.
- C. Bonnie Pierson has posted the position for a Library Associate to replace Catherine Lombardo and is awaiting approval from the City to begin interviews.
- D. Bonnie Pierson also posted a position opening for Public Services Lead.
- E. Bonnie Pierson offered a preview of the Summer Reading Program 2024. The program will run from May 28 – July 27. The numerous activities will be reflected in the Library Calendar of Events for each month. New this summer: Monday Adventures for elementary patrons every other Monday; Master Gardeners Seed Library programs, a History Program, Bilingual Storytime, Coffee gathering for Spanish speaking parents and children, Read with a Friend for children, Youth Sewing, and a Final Week fun to push readers to the finish line!
- F. The statistical report is available in the April 1 Library Board Meeting packet. Door count, Pressley Room use and books and reading numbers are all increasing.
- G. The financial report is available in the April 1 Library Board Meeting packet.
- 5. Presentations – There were none.
- 6. Workshop – There was none.
- 7. Items for Individual Consideration –
 - A. Lisa Gossett moved to approve the Library Board 2024 Workplan. Jennifer Leisure seconded the motion, and the Board approved the Workplan.
 - B. There were no individual requests from Library Board members for future agenda items.
- 8. Meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Acting Secretary, Sally Keinarth

Acting President, Laura Goodwin