

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

August 05, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

The members present were Meagan Webb, Sally Keinarth, Laura Goodwin, Nancy Wood, Lisa Gossett, Jennifer Leisure, Cheryl Lee City Council Liaison, Bonnie Pierson Library Director.

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Minute Approval

- A. Consider action to approve the Bastrop Public Library Minutes from June 03, 2024, Sally Keinarth moved to approve the minutes. Nancy Wood seconded the motion, and it was carried.

4. Announcements

- A. Lillian Hibbert, the new Public Services Lead, was introduced to the library board.
- B. On Tuesday, August 20th from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm The Bastrop Public Library will host the annual Volunteer Luncheon. Lillian Hibbert, Public Service Lead, will oversee this event.
- C. The library will be closed Monday, September 02, for observance of Labor Day. Due to the closure the library board meeting will be on Monday, September 9th at 6 pm.
- D. The City of Bastrop will hold the 2024 Boards and Commissions Banquet on Thursday, September 26th.
- E. The AARP Foundation Tax-Aide will be at the library every Saturday from February 1, 2025, through Saturday, April 05, 2025, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Foundation will aid community members with tax preparation and electronic filing.
- F. The Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas has contacted the Bastrop Public Library about the possibility of having monthly legal clinics held at the library. Before the COVID pandemic this organization had held these clinics at the library.

5. Reports

A. Library Director's report

- Teen Thursday's programming continues with good attendance. A recent collaboration with AgriLife taught the teens how to make acai bowls and smoothies.
- The 2024 Summer Reading Storytime programs have seen attendance of regular patrons and new attendees each week. This year's reading

program gave out 2,570 books. This was increased from last year's number of books given, which was 693. The number of programs offered has increased from last year.

- Several of the library programs have seen increased attendance. The games program held in June had a total of twelve attendees which is the largest group so far. The Meet at the library movie program has seen about twenty people showing up to watch movies. This is a major increase from when this program first started.
- On Monday, July 8th, Veronica Nunez the Executive Administrative Assistant hours have increased from 25 hours to 30 hours a week.
- The summer library hours will end Saturday, August 31st.

Noteworthy:

- During June, the City of Bastrop had a food collection for the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry. The city departments were grouped for donation counting. The library with the Water and Wastewater Department collected 398 pounds of donations.
- The library conducted a community survey for preferences of the organization of the Adult Fiction Section. The survey results determined the Adult Fiction section will stay organized by genre. Patrons did ask for improved signage of the section.
- The Friends of the Library is trying to increase their number of volunteers. The annual meeting will be held on Thursday, September 5th.
- Community feedback praised the library for being part of the collection of the used solar glasses. Another person mentioned how the \$25 she pays as an outside of the city limits patron is well worth the cost to be a member.

B. Statistical Comparison Report:

The full report is available within the agenda packet.

C. Monthly Financial Report:

See agenda packet for Financial Report.

6. Workshop- None

7. Items for Individual Consideration-

7a. Discussion and action taken on Bastrop Public Library's Public Services Policy.

Meagan Webb motioned to approve the Policy and Jennifer Leisure seconded the motion and the action was carried.

7b. Discussion and formation of a Library Board Open House Performers Committee.
Board members Lisa Gossett and Sally Keinarth volunteered.

7c. No individual request from Library Board members for items to be listed on future
agendas.

8. Adjournment of meeting at 6:48 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President