

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

May 06, 2024

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Meagan Webb at 6:00 pm.

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

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Minutes Approval

A. Consider action to approve the Bastrop Public Library Minutes from April 1, 2024, Nancy Wood moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer Leisure seconded the motion, and it was carried.

4. Announcements

- A. The library will be preparing for the 2024 Summer Reading Program. Due to preparation Youth programs will take a one-week hiatus from Monday, May 20th through Saturday May 25th.
- B. The library will be closed Monday, May 27th in observation of Memorial Day.
- C. The 2024 Summer Reading Program begins Tuesday, May 28th and ends on Saturday, July 27th.
- D. The library will have summer hours of operation. During June, July, and August the library will open at 10 am Monday through Saturdays. The opening hours will take effect Saturday, June 1st and run through Saturday, August 31st.
- E. With increased hours of operation, the library has been approved for a temporary summer position. This position has been filled.
- F. The library got approval for their E-rate program. This program helps in obtaining affordable broadband. The approval covers a percentage of the cost of services.
- G. Announcements from individual board members: Nancy Wood reminded the board of the upcoming Yesterfest Friday, May 24th, and Saturday May 25th.

5. Reports

A. Library Director's report

i. Programming:

- The first month of the seed library was in March 2024. 168 packets went out during March.

- Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal and Children’s Services Associate Ariel Dirienzo represented the Bastrop Public Library at the Parents as Teachers information fair. Bluebonnet Trails sponsored this fair at Fisherman’s Park. Information was provided to help parents in being better educators for their children and about the 2024 Summer Reading Program.
- On Saturday, April 27th the library held its second History Talk. Twenty-seven people attended. The presentation was about the McDade, Texas area in the late 1800s.
- Tuesday, April 30th the library held its first Dia de los Niños. Sixty-five people participated in this celebration of Children’s Day and Book Day, which highlights bilingual literacy across the nation. There was a live piano performance, book giveaway, crafts, and popsicles were given out. Eva Bernal Youth Services Librarian organized and led the celebration. Volunteers were present from Bastrop High School with the Spanish teacher Ms. Rosalez.

ii. Noteworthy:

- The Friends of the Library held their 2024 Annual book on Friday, May 3rd from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. In conjunction with the book sale the Lost Pines Garden Club hosted a plant sale on Saturday, May the 4th.
- Supervisor of Access Services Librarian Amie Cuvelier celebrated her two-year anniversary with the library on Saturday, April 27th.
- The library has partnered with Astronomers Without Borders to collect gently used and new solar eclipse glasses from the community. Donations will be accepted through Saturday May 11th after which they will get sent out to their communities around the globe that will be experiencing eclipses.

iii. Updates:

- There are five interviews set up for the Library Associate of Circulation position.
- Community feedback included positive feedback on the meditation session led by Dr. Farnaz. Another patron was thankful for the assistance and patience in applying for jobs and said she in fact got a job!

B. Statistical Comparison Report:

The full report is available within the agenda packet. Of note is the increase in programming and total checkouts.

- C. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet for Financial Report.
 - D. Fiscal Year 2024 Library Goals quarterly report. The report is available in the May 06, 2024, packet.
 - E. Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget report. Library Director Bonnie Pierson reviewed and highlighted important changes between the Fiscal Year 2024 report and the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 budgets. These handouts can be found in the May 06, 2024, packet.
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- 6. Presentation- discussion over the possibility of implementing a discount for certain populations for the Non-Resident fee. The populations considered for a discount would include senior citizens, veterans, and individuals with disabilities.
 - 7. Items for Individual Consideration- Board members to be given a presentation over the E-book information.
 - 8. Adjournment of meeting at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President