

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

June 05, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

Members present were Lisa Gossett, Sally Keinarth, Laura Goodwin, Bonnie Pierson Library Director and Cheryl Lee City Council Liaison. Absent were Barbara Clemons, Meagan Webb, and Jennifer Leisure.

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. Monday, June 19th the library will be closed in observance of the federal holiday Juneteenth.
- b. The library will be closed Tuesday, July the 4th for Independence Day.
- c. Three library positions have been filled. 2 of the positions are for the Summer Reading clerks, which are temporary 9-week positions. Olivia Forte and Jenny DelTorro are the summer reading clerks. Irene Fonseca is the new year-round Library Clerk.
- d. The Friends of the Library shared that this year's book sale brought in over \$4,000.00.
- e. On Saturday, July 1, 2023, Visit Bastrop will hold the inaugural Big Bang Celebration. Many patriotic events are scheduled for this date.

3A. Announcements from individual Library Board Members- none

4. Reports

- a. Director's report
 - i. First graders from the Compass Rose Harvest School visited the library and got a tour. Carmen Serna, the Children's Services Associate, shared information about the Summer Reading Program and other services offered by the library.
 - ii. Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich visited the Colorado River Collegiate Academy on Friday, May 5th. She shared with the students' opportunities for being a volunteer at the library as well as the three open Library Clerk positions.
 - iii. On Saturday, May the 6th, the continuation of the Rockin'n Reading program was hosted by Dr. Allison Bumsted. The program highlighted The Beatles. Included was a special musical performance by Meg Lauren. The program was well attended with 38 people.
 - iv. The May Pajama Time Stories Program had 11 attendees. The theme of this program was birds.

- v. During the last week of May, the library's regular program schedule took a break. This was to allow for preparation of the 2023 Summer Reading Program and rearrangement of shelf layout.
- vi. As of this date the 2023 Summer Reading Program is off to a great start. Currently there are 41 Read-a-thon participants. The Mario Kart Tourney was very popular.
- vii. Tuesday, June 6th Doris Williams, President of the Board of Directors of the Bastrop County African American Cultural Center & Freedom Colonies Museum will speak about the history of the freedom colonies.

b. Noteworthy:

- i. On Tuesday, May 9th, Amie Cuvelier, Supervisor of Access Services, attended the meeting with Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) which was held at the Bastrop County Courthouse. The County Clerk gave a tour of the office and spoke about the County Clerk office resources. Also discussed were the historical markers in Bastrop County and the development of the new website for the Bastrop Historical Society.
- ii. On Thursday, May 18th Library Director Bonnie Pierson, Ashton La Fuente from Visit Bastrop, and Kathy Danielson from the Convention Center, presented at the Youth Advisory Council Meeting. BISD students are selected to sit on the Youth Advisory Council. These students provide insight into community outreach for Bastrop's youth.
- iii. Libra-tech completed the shelf and furniture movement during Monday, May 9th through Wednesday, May 24th.
- iv. As of June 1st, the library has implemented automatic book renewal. If an item is eligible for renewal on a patron's account, it will automatically renew once the due date has passed.

c. Statistical Comparison Report:

Increases noted in non-resident usage, library card renewal, door count, reference transactions, and volunteer hours. See agenda packet for statistical report.

d. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet.

e. Board Term Report- presented by Bonnie Pierson, Library Director. A review of the Library Board Bylaws regarding library board members are permitted to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms on any board and a wait period of one year must pass before reapplying. The mayor may waive the one year wait period under good cause.

f. Legislative report, presented by Sally Keinarth. Updates are ongoing while the Texas Legislature is in session. Several bills have been introduced this session regarding public

libraries. Bill HB 900 passed 06/13/2023 and becomes effective 09/01/2023- This bill relates to the regulation of library materials sold to or included in public school libraries.

5. Workshop

Discussion to prepare for the Bastrop Public Library's 2023 Open House which is slated for Saturday, December 9th. Further preparations and discussions to occur when the board reconvenes Monday, August 7th.

6. Consent Agenda

Sally Keinarth moved to approve the May 01, 2023, Bastrop Library Board Meeting minutes with corrections made. Lisa Gossett seconded the motion, and it was carried.

7. Individual requests from Library Board members –none

8. Adjournment of meeting at 6:44 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President