

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

August 07, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

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

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. The Bastrop Public Library's annual Volunteer Luncheon will take place Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm.
- b. The library will be closed Monday, September the 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.
- c. Bastrop Public Library received a grant from the 2023 Texas Book Festival.
- d. After serving eight years with the Bastrop Public Library, Children's Services Associate Carmen Serna has announced her resignation. Her last day was Friday, August 4, 2023. Jacqueline "Jackie" Baez will assume this position. Jackie is a former employee of the library who rejoined the team this summer.
- e. Announcements from individual Library Board Members- none

4. Reports

a. Director's report

- i. On Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> the City Friends Storytime was presented. Public Works Technician Sandy Holder was the presenter. Forty-five people attended. After the Storytime yellow plastic hard hats were given to the children in attendance. Outside the library Sandy Holder had brought a dump truck for the kids to view and take pictures in front of.
- ii. During the summer local artist Jana Lynch has demonstrated her talents in three shows titled "Eye to Eye." The participants at the shows were encouraged to create their own art using the method as taught by Jana Lynch.
- iii. The 2023 Summer Reading Program: All Together Now report was included in the director's report. Highlights included the exceptional attendance at the Readers Jubilee which was the reward party for youth who read and logged more than five hundred minutes. 258 participants attended on Saturday, July 22. The Escape Room was so popular the time slots for participation filled up fast. Due to a vast variety of speakers and presenters the adult program Coffee with Catherine has had record attendance. There were a considerable number

of Partnerships and Collaborations that helped with the success of this years Summer Reading Program.

b. Noteworthy:

- i. During the month of June, the City of Bastrop collected donations for the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry. Collection sites were at three locations. At the end of the month, the library, and the Water and wastewater had collected over 337 pounds in donations.
- ii. Two former library employees rejoined the library team to help with the Summer Reading Program and normal library operations. Jacqueline “Jackie” Baez worked as a Children’s Services Assistant. Catherine “Cat” Morales worked as a circulation Assistant.
- iii. The Youth Librarian job position was posted in Mid-July. There has been a great amount of interest in this position with approximately seventeen applications submitted. The goal is to have the new staff member hired before the end of September 2023.

c. Statistical Comparison Report:

May and June statistical reports are included in the Bastrop Library Board packet.

Noted in June statistics was a decrease in attendance of programs compared to last year. The year to date for door count was increased. In the category of Books and Reading increases were noted with self-check out and Hotspot checkouts. In the category Culture of Service both areas of Tech Tutor and Tech Support Questions continue to show increased usage.

d. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet for June and July Financial Reports

e. Presentations: Jennifer Leisure and Sally Keinarth spoke about a recent program they attended in Lockhart Texas at the Dr. Eugene Clark Library. The program was to recognize Ronald Seeliger posthumously for donating \$100,000 to the library.

5. Workshop

No workshop

6. Consent Agenda

Sally Keinarth moved to approve the June 05, 2023, Bastrop Library Board Meeting minutes. Meagan Webb seconded the motion, and it was carried.

7. Individual requests from Library Board members –to add workshop for preparation of the Bastrop Library December open house.
  
8. Adjournment of meeting at 6:40 pm

Respectfully submitted.

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Laura Goodwin, Secretary

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Rebecca Bennett, President