

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

April 03, 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, City Council Liaison Cheryl Lee, and Bonnie Person Library Director.

Absent were Meagan Webb and Jennifer Leisure.

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. Easter Storytime will be celebrated on Wednesday April 5th. This will be held at Bob Bryant Park with an egg hunt.
- b. Friday, April 7th through April 8th the library will be closed for Good Friday and easter.
- c. The library's edited Collection Development Policy will be presented before the Bastrop City Council for approval Tuesday, April 11th.
- d. The Texas Library Associations 2023 Conference will be held in Austin from April 19th-21st. Director Bonnie Pierson and other library employees will attend the Conference.
- e. National Library Week is Sunday, April 23rd through April 29th. As part of the celebration the Friends of the Library are offering a promotion for first time residents signing up for a library card.
- f. The annual Friends of the Library book sale will take place on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd.
- g. Saturday, April 29th The Children's Advocacy Center, and CASA will be hosting Springfest in Fishermen's Park. This is to bring increased awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- h. Dr. Allison Bumstead will be hosting Rockin' Reading on Saturday, May 6th. This is a continuation of a program she did last summer. The program will highlight The Beatles.
- i. The Citizens on Patrol Academy program begins for 6 weeks starting April 5th. This program is to increase citizen awareness and understanding of law enforcement. The spring classes are scheduled for Wednesdays from 6-8 pm.

3A. Announcements from individual Library Board Members- None

4. Reports

- a. Programming:
 - i. The Spring Break programs were a great success. A total of 506 people participated including 237 with the suspended art program.

- ii. There was interest from many Spring Break program attendees to continue an evening Storytime. Evening Storytime will now become a monthly program held on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm.
- iii. March's Lego® Club had thirty-three attendees.
- iv. Carmen Serna Children's Service Associate and Terry Carwell Library Associate represented the library at the Easter in The park on Saturday, April 1st. Paper Easter eggs were decorated with stickers.
- v. The 2023 Summer Reading Program schedule is finalized. Handouts were available for the calendar of events and programming that will be offered.

b. Noteworthy:

- i. A thank you was given to the library board members who volunteered and helped with the library's Spring Break Programming activities.
- ii. The March Historic Education and Resources Taskforce (HEART) was led by Amie Cuvelier the Technical Services & Circulation Librarian. She presented information on the project about digital preservation currently happening at the library.
- iii. A display about the Freedom Colonies was supplied by the Bastrop County African American Cultural Center and Freedom Colonies Museum.
- iv. Carmen Serna Children's Services Associate celebrated eight years with the Bastrop Public Library on Thursday March the 16th.
- v. The report for the library's accreditation status for the Fiscal Year 2024 will have a hard due date of Monday, May the 1st. This report is sent to The Texas State Library and Archives Commissions' Annual Report.
- vi. Bastrop Public Library will continue to get its internet service from Fiberlight for the next 3 years.
- vii. Budget updates include ability for staff promotions and adding a new Youth Services librarian position for this fiscal year. Other budget increases are to cover the need for new computer monitors, use of Overdrive increase and the increased price for the library automation program.

c. Statistical Comparison Report:

Increases noted with NR usage, new membership cards, door count, website visits (this could be possible due to links from social media) and increased use of tech tutor assistance.

d. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet.

5. Legislative report presented by Sally Keinarth board member. Currently the Texas Legislature has several bills introduced in the current session that deal with Texas public libraries. Attachments were presented with information regarding Senate Bill 1601 and Senate Bill 12. Updated information will be given as these bills progress to the Texas State Senate.
6. Workshop: Library Board Program Workshop Notes
A report from this workshop was available and included many of the shared ideas for future programming. (Handout available in packet)
7. Consent Agenda
Barbara Clemons moved to approve the March 06, 2023. Lisa Gossett seconded the motion, and it was carried.
8. Individual requests from Library Board members –
Request made to include Texas Legislature Reports regarding Texas Public Libraries at future board meetings.
9. Adjournment of meeting at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President