

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

March 04, 2024

1. Call to Order

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

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

Kathy Danielson, the City of Bastrop Director of Community Engagement, was present as a guest.

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Minutes Approval

A. Consider action to approve the Bastrop Public Library Minutes from February 05, 2024, with amendments made. Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the minutes. Lisa Gossett seconded the motion, and it was carried.

4. Announcements

- A. During Spring Break from Monday, March 11th through Saturday, March 16th the library will offer additional programming.
- B. The library will be closed Friday, March 29th, and Saturday, 30th in observation of Good Friday and Easter weekend.
- C. The program Seed Saving for Gardeners was postponed to Saturday, March 23 from 2:30 to 3:30.
- D. No announcements from individual board members.

5. Reports

A. Library Director's report

i. Programming:

- Youth Services Librarian Eva Bernal led The Teen Thursday program on Thursday, February the 8th. This program tested the participants skills with trivia and minute-to-win-it style challenges. The program was well received with an interest in doing more programs like this one in the future.
- On Thursday, February 15th Public Services Librarian Bethany Dietrich attended Compass Rose's 1st annual Literacy Night on behalf of the Bastrop Public Library. Information was provided about programs at the library.

- During BISD Spring Break the library will offer extra programming. This programming will include a Scavenger Hunt on Pi-Day, an oversized community coloring page will be placed behind the Reference Desk, in the Children's Area Take-and-Make packets will be available.

ii. Noteworthy:

- On Thursday, February 15th, the IT department replaced the public monitors, keyboards, and mice with updated models. Money will be allocated each fiscal year to keep the public technology updated.
- On Wednesday, March the 6th from 6 pm to 8 pm the Friends of the Library will be hosting local author and business owner Ryan Holiday. This event requires a R.S.V.P. and, on this date, no more spots were available.
- The Friends of the Library 2024 Annual book sale will take place Friday, May 3rd from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturday, May 4th from 10 am to 3 pm. There will be an early entry time on Friday, May 3rd from 9 am to 10 am for members of the Friends of the Library. In conjunction with the book sale the Lost Pines Garden Club will partner with the Friends of the Library and host a plant sale on Saturday, May the 4th. The Friends of the Library have decided to keep the first weekend in May of upcoming years for the yearly book sale.

iii. Updates:

- An offer was made for the Children's Associate position.
- In April Library Associate of Circulation Services Catherine Lombardo will retire.
- Since Finance Associate Sheila Bowman retired in January 2024, this position has also been posted and applications taken.
- Community feedback included comments about the great book collection, the interesting variety of rooms in the library, and liking the Black History Month display.

B. Statistical Comparison Report:

The full report is available within the agenda packet. Year to date comparison continues to exhibit increased renewals of residents and nonresidents. Materials check outs have increased with kids, tween, teen, and adults.

C. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet for Financial Report.

6. Presentation-none

7. Workshop- full workshop is available in the agenda packet.

A. Fiscal Year 2025 Library Budget Priority Workshop presented by Bonnie Pierson, Library Director.

The purpose of this workshop was for the board to learn how they can help and share community feedback with recommendations and decisions regarding the library budget, future needs, and improvements for the library.

During the workshop information shared included the budget process, planning for library growth, and needs the library will have in the future.

The board then used the Library Need Worksheet to address the categories: Fiscal Year 2025 Identified Needs, Potential Enhancements, and the area of Library Growth.

The workshop allowed board members to further understand their roles and responsibilities and enjoy fulfilling the goals of being a Bastrop Public Library Board Member.

8. Items for Individual Consideration- None

9. Adjournment of meeting at 7:12 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President