

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

May 01, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Rebecca Bennett at 6:02 pm.

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

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. The Rockin' Reading program hosted by R. Allison Bumsted is planned for Saturday, May 6th.
- b. The library will be closed on Monday, May 22nd through Wednesday, May the 24th. This is when the new furniture and shelf movement update will happen.
- c. Tuesday, May 30th through Saturday, July 22nd is the time of the Bastrop Public Library's Summer Reading Program. A variety of programs will be offered.

3A. Announcements from individual Library Board Members-

- d. Sally Keinarth continues to provide updates from the Texas Legislature and bills that are specific to Texas Public Libraries.
- e. Additional information shared was about the grassroots coalition Texans for the Right to Read. The website: Texansfortherighttoread.com was made available.

4. Reports

- a. Director's report
 - i. Wednesday, April 12th the speaker at Coffee with Catherine was Dr. Laszlo Perlaky. Dr. Perlaky is a photographer with 20 years of experience and spoke about his experiences as a photographer.
 - ii. The Bastrop Public Library Hosted Sit with Sylvia on Monday, April 17th. This program welcomed the community to attend and discuss the process of permits and Parks Master Plans with the city manager Sylvia Carrillo. This program is planned to occur every month with a schedule of alternating times from morning and evening meeting times.
 - iii. The April Lego® on Tuesday, April 18th had 47 participants. The focus of this event was to familiarize the attendees with STEM which is the abbreviation for science, technology, engineering, and math. The task was creating demolition machines.

- iv. Pajama Time Stories was on Tuesday, April 18th. This was the 2nd time for this program to happen. Five patrons attended. These patrons all were new to Bastrop Public Library. This program is planned to continue through the summer.
- v. Saturday, April 29th was Springfest at Fisherman's Park. Bastrop Public Library attended and had information about the library services and the 2023 Summer Reading Program. Part of the display included asking community members to write motivational and kind notes. These notes then will be placed randomly in books throughout the library.
- vi. During the 2023 Summer Reading Program there will be several community experiences planned. This programming is included in the packet.
- vii. The Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for Wednesday, April the 5th was rained out. Instead of cancelling the egg hunt was moved to inside the library. The participants seemed to really enjoy this last-minute change.

b. Noteworthy:

- i. The Texas Library Association's Conference was in Austin Wednesday, April 19th through Friday, April 21st. Staff members that attended were Bonnie Pierson Library Director, Amie Cuvelier Access Services Supervisor, Bethany Dietrich Public Services Librarian, Carmen Serna Children's Services Associate, and Cary Kittrell Media Specialist.
- ii. The Friends of the Library held their annual book sale Friday, April 21st. The sales were reported to have been busy despite the plant sale not occurring on this date as it had in the past.
- iii. Access Services Supervisor Amie Cuvelier celebrated her one-year.
- iv. anniversary with Bastrop Public Library on Thursday, April 27th.
- v. The Friends of the Library ran a promotion for new non-resident cards. The promotion ran from April 15th through April 29th. 57 cards were purchased.
- vi. Library Director Bonnie Pierson presented updated information concerning Enhanced Library Cards (in past board meetings the cards were referred to as Photo ID library cards). The update to prior information was obtained by Bonnie Pierson at the Texas Library Association's Conference. The updated information is included in the packet.

c. Statistical Comparison Report:

Noted increases in city renewed cards, door count, adult computer use, hot spot checkouts. Statistics for Culture of Service also have increased in the areas of General Reference questions, Tech support Questions and Tech Tutor time.

d. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet.

5. Consent Agenda

Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the April 03, 2023, Bastrop Library Board Meeting minutes with corrections made. Sally Keinarth seconded the motion, and it was carried.

6. Individual requests from Library Board members –

Request made to include Texas Legislature Reports regarding Texas Public Libraries at future board meetings.

7. Adjournment of meeting at 6:50 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President