

City of Bastrop Public Library Board

Meeting Minutes

March 06, 2023

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Meagan Webb at 6:03 pm.

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

2. Citizen Comments – None

3. Announcements

- a. National Walking Month is in April and some of the library staff will participate in this statewide challenge. The challenge will last for 8 weeks. National Walking Day is April 5th and the library will host one of the walking tours taking place on that day.
- b. A traveling mural will be hosted by the library from March 7th till March 14th. This is in partnership with the Family Crisis Center. The mural is to raise awareness for mental health and survivors of assault.
- c. On Tuesday, March the 14th Technical Services and Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier will lead the Historic Education and Resources Taskforce meeting.
- d. On Monday, March the 20th at 6 pm The Main Street Board will hold a town hall meeting. Community citizens can speak at this meeting.
- e. Mayor Connie Schroeder will be delivering the State of City Address on Friday, March the 31st.
- f. The Easter in the Park event will happen on April 1st. The library will be present and will have an activity.
- g. The Friends of the Library book sale will occur Friday, April 21st 10-am -6 pm and Saturday, April 22nd 10am- 4 pm. This year the Lost Pines Garden Club will not host their plant sale during the book sale event.
- h. Cards from the Bastrop Parks and Recreation and Open Master plan were shared. The cards have a QR scan on them so a survey can be accessed. This survey data will help gather information from Bastrop community citizens regarding parks and recreation services.

4. Reports

- a. Programming:
 - i. Februarys LEGO had an increased attendance of 47. Many of these attendees were new.

- ii. Carmen Serna did a brief story time and presentation at the Early Headstart Main Street location on Friday, February 24th. This was the first visit since the COVID-19 pandemic had occurred.
- iii. Spring Break Programs will be happening March 13th-17th. Each day a different activity will be available. Colorful flyers were printed announcing the activities and times.
- iv. In progress is the development of a partnership between the library and Compass Rose Charter School. The school does not have a library. Carmen Serna is the coordinator for this partnership.

b. Noteworthy:

- i. The library is starting a new display called "Favorite Facts" in the children's section. The displays will focus on STEM topics.
- ii. Technical Services & Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier met with the Historic Education and Resources Taskforce on February 14th. A presentation by the Bastrop County African American Cultural Center (BCAACC) was given. The president of the BCAACC agreed to a partnership with the Bastrop Public Library.
- iii. Terry Carwell celebrated four years at the Bastrop Public Library on Saturday, February 4th.
- iv. Technical Services and Circulation Librarian Amie Cuvelier has developed a plan for reviewing and editing the library's policies and procedures. This is part of the strategic plan and goals for the library. This project will take a year to complete.
- v. Kat Durham Public Services Associate resigned, and her last day was Friday, March 3rd.
- vi. Positive feedback from the community continues with many patrons pleased with the efficient and kind customer service.

c. Statistical Comparison Report:

Increases noted with non-resident usage, door count, and study room use. In the category of Culture of Service reference transactions increased, especially in the Tech Tutor area.

d. Monthly Financial Report: See agenda packet.

- 5. Legislative report presented by Bonnie Pierson, Library Director for Sally Keinarth board member. Presented was the information regarding public libraries bills that have been introduced in the current Texas Legislature. The Legislative bill report is in the agenda packet. As noted, some of the bills have been moved into committees. The primary topics of the bills range

from increasing criminal penalties for the offense of sale, distribution, or display of harmful material to a minor. To remove funding from libraries that host drag queen entertainment and may be able to limit student resources unless the resource has been verified by the provider for compliance with content (obscenity, harmful material, etc.) Sally Keinarth mentioned she is trying to track these various bills and will give further updates as available.

6. Workshop: Programming Ideas

Last December Bastrop Library Board Members were asked for input on ideas for library programming and services. These suggestions are to improve community reach and use of the library. Many members agreed that increasing adult programming would be beneficial as well as a continued attention to the children and youth programs. Some ideas included book clubs, writing groups which includes creative writing for teens and tweens, and including the library in City of Bastrop events such as First Friday's.

Susan Smith, President/CEO, CDME of Visit Bastrop is doing a survey to gather data regarding the Bastrop community. It was agreed this information would be helpful in learning about the specific demographics to better develop services and programming.

Additional information was shared from Becka Oliver, Executive Director of Writer's League of Texas. This information was about the Texas Writes Program which is a grant supporting a writing workshop for adults.

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the February 6, 2023, minutes with corrections made. Barbara Clemons seconded the motion, and it was carried.
- b. Consider action to approve amended Bastrop Public Library 2022 Collection Development Policy. Changes and edits were suggested and made. Jennifer Leisure moved to approve the changes and Barbara Clemons seconded the motion and it was carried.

8. Individual requests from Library Board members -none

9. Adjournment of meeting at 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted

Laura Goodwin, Secretary

Rebecca Bennett, President

