



Library Advisory Board

Minutes

In-person Meeting
April 22, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Announce the presence of a Quorum.

Justin called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. The following Library Board members were present: Justin Strauch, Brian Ortiz, Monica Munoz, Zachary Todd & Ofilia Barrera Board Liaison. Board members not present: Roberta Schaafsma, Irene Chavira & Toshia Kimball.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Andrea Tyler , Youth Services Librarian

Andrea began her time with the library as a volunteer in 2016. Once she earned her MLS degree she worked as a reference assistant for a year. She then worked as a librarian for the City of Melissa for two years until a position became available here. Andrea is a part of the local community for she and her family live in Wylie. She manages the Tween Programs which are primarily for 4th through 6th grade.

- Between Book Club
- Bluebonnet Book Club
 - Outreach book club at Smith Elementary
- Idea Lab
 - STEAM program for 3rd through 4th grade
- Big Kid Story Time (3 to 5 year olds)
- Summer Learning Programs for tweens

Andrea is also responsible for the Juvenile Collection: chapter books, series, graphic novels, and Overdrive.

→ Justin asked if there is anything she would like to see added to the program or that the Board could possibly help with.

- ◆ Andrea would love to see the Bluebonnet Book Club expand to include another school. Currently she and another librarian are only able to visit two elementary schools.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Residents may address Board regarding an item that is not listed on the Agenda. Residents must provide their name and address. Board requests that comments be limited to three (3) minutes. In addition, the Board is not allowed to converse, deliberate, or take action on any matter presented during citizen participation.

No citizens were present at the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider and act upon approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2024 Library Board Meeting.

Board Action:

→ The Library Board Minutes of March 25, 2024.

◆ Justin encouraged members to review the minutes; there were no questions or changes requested.

- Brain made a motion to approve the minutes.
- Zach seconded the motion.

All votes were in favor; the motion passed 4-0.

WORK SESSION – DISCUSSION ITEMS

WS1. Review the monthly report

Oflia provided an overview of the report to the Board.

- While most circulation statistics were standard, there was a significant jump in attendance for kid events primarily due to the Star Party.
 - The numbers for database usage are consistent with most seeing small steady increases.
 - There will be another push for the library app during the summer as there are many patrons who only frequent the library during the summer months.
 - Database usage remains steady with a slight uptick in Hoopla.
- Zach asked how the ribbon cutting for the Little Free Library went.
- ◆ There was a good turnout of representatives from all the different organizations that made it possible.
- Justin asked if Oflia could share more regarding future program partnerships with UNT.
- ◆ Oflia met with Dr. Caroline Najour from UNT who represents the school's Arabic Studies Department. She partners with communities to present Arabic cultural programs. The library will be hosting a Moroccan Tea program in the fall and a drum program next spring.
- Brain asked how things are looking for Summer Kickoff.
- ◆ Things are going great. A few differences this year are the addition of several food trucks with items for purchase, as well as, large and small obstacle courses so that smaller children can enjoy the same experience as bigger kids.

WS2. Review Summer 2024 Program Brochure

The Summer 2024 Program Brochure will be made available to the public beginning Monday, April 29th, and all the information will be on the library website by Wednesday, May 1st.

Oflia briefly touched on all the different reading challenges and programs listed in the brochure. The summer programs will run from Monday, May 20th through Saturday, Aug. 3rd.

→ Zach asked what the Perot Tech Truck is.

- ◆ The Tech Truck is an outreach truck for the Perot Museum. They bring different science experiments and interactive things kids can play with to help teach new skills and science principles.
- Library Board members, Zach & Monica, both shared personal comments of praise for the Summer Programs.

WS3. Review upcoming programs

- 3rd Annual Local Garden Tour on May 11
 - There are currently 12 confirmed gardens.

- Genealogy Mini Camp on May 4
- Upcoming City Programs for May
 - Wylie 500 Pedal Car Race on May 5
 - Taste of Wylie on May 6
- Budget work sessions with the City Council have begun.
 - Presentations are being made in a 5 Year Plan format.
- The next Library Advisory Board meeting would have occurred on May 27th; however due to the Memorial Day Holiday, the next meeting will take place on June 24th.
- Justin asked for a motion to adjourn if there were no further questions or comments.
 - ◆ There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Zach made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Brain seconded the motion. All votes were in favor; the motion passed 4:0. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Justin Strauch, Chair