

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
October 21, 2014

On Tuesday, October 21, 2014, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Judy Ward at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Judy Ward | Chairperson |
| David Jones | Board Member |
| Jane Smith | Board Member |
| Jeanine Kenworthy | Board Member |

MEMBERS ABSENT:

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| Gail Brown | Board Member |
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| Gary Stork | City Council Member |
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STAFF PRESENT:

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| Laura Bechtel | Library Director |
| Cate Schulenberg | Recording Secretary |

VISITORS PRESENT:

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| Tom Moser | County Commissioner |
| Bonnie Arnold | |
| Jeff Anderson | |
| Robert Gudas | |
| David Lipscomb | |

1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Jeff Anderson, director of SERV Kerrville, provided the Board with information on the Read 2 Win program. Mr. Anderson said that the goal of the program is to provide children in the county with library cards; the Read 2 Win program has begun with the Ingram School District. Mr. Anderson provided the Board with statistics on literacy in Kerr County. Mr. Moser invited Mr. Anderson to the Commissioners Court to speak about Read 2 Win.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on September 16, 2014.

Ms. Kenworthy moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

3A. Monthly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Bechtel reported the September statistics to the Library Advisory Board. The Library had 7,949 patrons - 94% City, 5% County, and 1% non-County. Patrons checked out over 9200 items - 65% City, 32% County, and 3% non-County. Ms. Bechtel reported 7,173 patrons visited the Library and 2 patrons visited the Kerr Regional History Center in September. Ms. Bechtel reported the Fiscal Year statistics to the Board - 110,260 checkouts, over 12,000 reference questions answered, 98,390 visitors, 416 Born to Read bags distributed, and 3,715 Summer Reading participants. Ms. Bechtel provided the Board with the number of cards purchased by Kerr County residents and the distribution of patrons by location.

Mr. Jones asked for clarification on the History Center gate count – that in the past, volunteers were counted with the number of visitors to the building. Ms. Bechtel said yes, the gate count had been determined by the sign-in sheet; Ms. Bechtel said that staff and volunteers would not be counted. Mr. Stork asked if the Library pays a licensing fee for the eBooks; Ms. Bechtel said that a licensing fee is paid for the platform, but the Library purchases and owns the materials. Mr. Moser asked how Kerrville City and County was determined and Ms. Bechtel said the Library uses the appraisal district's information.

Ms. Bechtel presented the September financial statements and revenue report for the Library and History Center.

Ms. Bechtel presented the Board with the press release for the History Center reopening.

3B. Claribel R. Deering Charitable Income Trust / City of Kerrville History Center Agreement (staff)

The Board did not have any questions on the agreement for the Kerr Regional History Center between the Trust and the City. Mr. Stork informed the Board that City representatives had attended the annual meeting for the Claribel R. Deering Charitable Income Trust, which included a tour of the Kerr Regional History Center. Ms. Bechtel announced that the Trust had voted to increase the monthly operations stipend to the History Center to \$2,500.

3C. Update on Friends of the Library activities (Jane Smith)

Ms. Smith announced that the Friends will have their annual meeting in December. At the meeting, the new bylaws will be presented for a vote. Ms. Smith said that Friends of the Library store is open the second Saturday of the month and on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3 PM. Ms. Smith said the Friends will fund the moving of the gazebo in addition to new programming. Mr. Jones said that he felt the gazebo could be used for special events and suggested that any revenue raised by the gazebo go to the Friends. Ms. Smith announced the Friends First Friday Wine Share will be held in April. Ms. Smith asked for suggestions for the Friends Board.

3D. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – November 18, 2014

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Ms. Bechtel announced that Vanessa Skowbo has joined the staff as the Youth Services Librarian and that Lolita Holczer, Patron Services Librarian, had retired.

Mr. Jones announced the Tivy High School Homecoming Parade would be held Thursday evening.

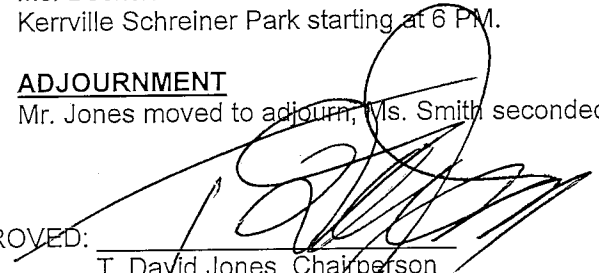
Ms. Bechtel announced that the Library's Lego Club would be held Saturday, October 24.


Ms. Bechtel announced the Parks and Recreation department would be hosting a family event on Halloween at Kerrville Schreiner Park starting at 6 PM.

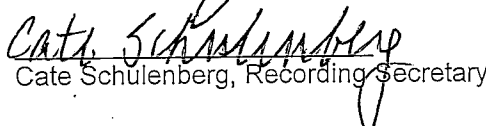
5. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Jones moved to adjourn, Ms. Smith seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

APPROVED:


T. David Jones, Chairperson


Laura Bechtel, Library Director


Cate Schulenberg, Recording Secretary

11/18/14
Date minutes approved & signed