

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
April 21, 2015

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jane Smith at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Smith	Vice-Chairperson
Gail Brown	Board Member
Marty Lenard	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

T. David Jones	Chairperson
Jeanine Kenworthy	Board Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Stork	City Council Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Bechtel	Library Director
Cate Schulenberg	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

Tom Moser	County Commissioner
Deborah Gaudier	Kerrville Genealogical Society

1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

Ms. Gaudier announced that the Kerrville Genealogical Society has acquired space at the UGRA building. Ms. Gaudier informed the Board that they held a soft opening that day to members and would open to the public in May. Ms. Gaudier informed the Board that KGS has requested more items be delivered to them from the History Center; Mr. Stork informed the Board that Mr. Parton is addressing the issue.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on March 17, 2015.

Mr. Lenard moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

3A. Monthly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Bechtel reported the March statistics to the Library Advisory Board. The Library had 8,542 patrons and patrons checked out over 9,603 items. The Library had 6,743 visitors and the History Center had 44 visitors through the door. Ms. Bechtel reported on patron usage statistics. Mr. Lenard inquired if Spring Break factored into the increased counts; Ms. Bechtel said that it does. Mr. Moser inquired as to the cause of the high percentage of checkout versus the low percentage of cards for Kerr County patrons. Ms. Bechtel stated that staff has seen one family member hold the card but checkout resources for all members of the family. Ms. Bechtel reported the Fiscal Year statistics to the Board – 51,201 checkouts, 3,897 reference questions answered, and 43,179 visitors. Ms. Bechtel presented the Board with the number of Kerr County library cards purchased and the breakdown of patrons by residence.

Ms. Bechtel presented the financial statements and revenue report for the Library and History Center. Discussion occurred regarding annual donation and revenue averages for the Library.

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

Ms. Smith announced that the Friends had received a large donation of paperbacks, most of which were Westerns and Romances. The Friends were able to sell many of the paperbacks at \$0.10 each. Ms. Smith announced the specials in the store. Ms. Smith announced that the Wednesday sales are popular, especially with book sellers. Recycling was discussed and Ms. Bechtel thanked the Solid Waste department for their assistance in picking up recycling.

3C. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – May 19, 2015

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Mr. Stork announced the next First Friday Wine Share to be held May 1 at the Marketplace at the Ridge. The theme is Texas Wines.


Ms. Bechtel reported that the Library held an Edible Book Festival – 4 entries were submitted.

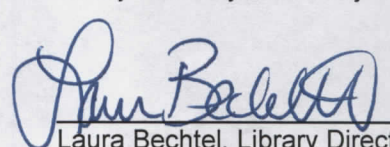
Mr. Lenard announced that title of the piece commissioned by the Tivy Band will be titled “Chronos: The God of Time.” The concert will be held on May 21 at the Cailloux Theater.

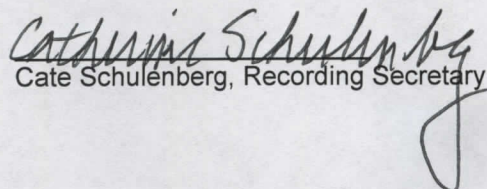
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Brown moved to adjourn, Mr. Lenard seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

APPROVED:


T. David Jones, Chairperson


Laura Bechtel, Library Director


Cate Schulenberg, Recording Secretary

May 19, 2015
Date minutes approved & signed