

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS
September 20, 2016

On Tuesday, September 20, 2016, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jane Smith at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jane Smith	Chairperson
David Lipscomb	Vice-Chairperson
Astrid Box	Board Member
Marty Lenard	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Matthew Miller	Board Member
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gary Stork	City Council Member
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STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Bechtel	Library Director
Danielle Brigati	Assistant Library Director
Kaitlin Berry	Special Projects Manager
Jennifer Marks	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

Ted Schulenberg
Steve Stoutamire
Mike Bowlin
Jennifer Reilly

1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on August 16, 2016.

Ms. Box moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lipscomb seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

3. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:

3A. Presentation of a proposal for the Kerr Regional History Center (Ted Schulenberg)

Mr. Schulenberg and Mr. Stoutamire presented to the Board their proposal for the inclusion of exhibits which address the geological and archaeological history of the Hill Country. Previous exhibitions created by Mr. Schulenberg and Mr. Stoutamire and displayed at the Riverside Nature Center and KACC were presented to the Board as examples of possible exhibits. The Board expressed that exhibits on archaeology and geology may be of interest to the community and an option for display, however the logistics will regarding space and staffing would need to be determined.

3B. Monthly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Bechtel reported the August statistics to the Library Advisory Board. The library had 9,430 patrons and 9,057 checkouts at the end of July. The library had 8,303 visitors. Ms. Bechtel reported the Fiscal Year statistics to the Board – 92,227 checkouts, 10,516 questions answered, and 82,921 visitors. The summer reading program had 6,557 participants throughout the Summer Reading Program. Discussion occurred regarding the correlation between program attendance and checkouts. Ms. Bechtel presented the Board with the patron demographics and the number of Kerr County library cards purchased. Ms. Smith inquired into the number of Read2Win cards distributed at the Saturday event. Ms. Bechtel said 41 cards were distributed. Ms. Bechtel presented the financial statements and revenue report for the Library and History Center. Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that the exhibit policy was expected to go before City Council at the next meeting.

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

Ms. Smith reported that the Friends of the Library have had a busy month. The Friends are preparing to assemble new "Books for Babies" bags to distribute at PRMC and are waiting on the bags. Ms. Smith reported that the Friends hosted the Read Aloud to Adults program on September 10 in the Meeting Room. Sixteen local authors and poets read to an audience over four hours.

3D. Kerr Regional History Center update (staff)

Ms. Bechtel announced that the wood floors were being installed on the second floor of the History Center. Mr. Lipscomb asked if an event has been scheduled for the reopening and Ms. Bechtel said one has not been scheduled at this time.

3E. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – October 18, 2016

4. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**


Ms. Bechtel announced that the Library will be celebrating Banned Books Week September 25 – October 1.

Ms. Bechtel announced that the first meeting of the S.T.R.E.A.M. Club will be held on September 28. The club is geared towards ages 7 and up.

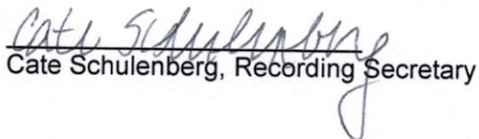
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Lenard moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lipscomb seconded. The Library Advisory Board adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

APPROVED:


Jane Smith, Chairperson


Laura Bechtel, Library Director


Cate Schulenberg, Recording Secretary


Date minutes approved & signed