

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
October 15, 2019

On Tuesday, October 15, 2019, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Astrid Box at 3:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 505 Water Street, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Astrid Box	Chairperson
Edna Wichman	Vice-Chairperson
David Lipscomb	Board Member
Joseph Conklin	Board Member
Tom Moser	Board Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Meismer	Executive Director for General Operations
Laura Bechtel	Library Director
Cate Schulenberg	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

None

**1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:**

Mr. Lipscomb expressed his thanks to the Board and commended the Library staff. Mr. Lipscomb thanked Commissioner Moser for his work on the interlocal agreement between Kerr County and the City of Kerrville for the provision of Animal Control and Library services.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on July 16, 2019

Ms. Wichman moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Lipscomb seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

**3. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

3A. Appointment of Library Advisory Board Chair and Vice-Chair (staff)

This item postponed until the next meeting. No action was taken by the Board.

**4. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

4A. Quarterly Update by Library Director (staff)

Ms. Bechtel provided the Board with the FY2019 statistics. Ms. Bechtel reported an increase in Library use: circulation increased by 10% and door count increased by 13% over FY2018. Ms. Bechtel provided a report on how much Library usage saves patrons; in FY2019, patrons saved \$3,336,945.02 by borrowing Library resources instead of purchasing them. Ms. Bechtel presented the Board with the library program report.

Ms. Bechtel presented the financial statements and revenue report for the Library and History Center. The Library remained within budget for FY2019.

Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that the Library has begun undertaking the improvements presented at the July 16 meeting. Ms. Bechtel also informed the Board that wireless printing is now available at the Library.

4B. Update on Friends of the Library activities (Joseph Conklin)

Mr. Conklin informed the Board that the Friends of the Library are in search of a Vice President for Membership. Mr. Conklin updated the Board on recent activities, including guest speakers, technology improvements, new shelving, and upcoming meetings. Mr. Conklin provided the Board with an update on the Friends of the Library financials.

4C. Update on History Center activities (staff)

Ms. Bechtel informed the Board of the successful annual meeting of the Claribel Remschel Deering Charitable Trust. The inaugural History Center lecture was held in August. The upcoming display will focus on the Old Spanish Trail. Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that the Library is coordinating with State Senator Buckingham's office for an event on November 21 and the Board is invited.

4D. Update on A.C. Schreiner House activities (staff)

Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that Farmers Market has implemented their winter hours. Ms. Bechtel informed the Board that staff has continued meeting with stakeholders involved in the concepts for the A.C. Schreiner House. Ms. Meismer stated that more information may be presented at the next meeting.

4E. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – January 21, 2020

5. **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None.

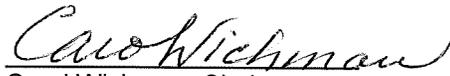
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

Ms. Bechtel announced that the Gardening 101 series has resumed at the Library.

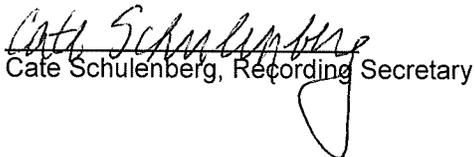
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Box adjourned the Library Advisory Board at 3:29 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Carol Wichman, Chairperson

  
Laura Bechtel, Library Director

  
Cate Schulenberg, Recording Secretary

  
Date minutes approved & signed