

Library Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2011
Library Meeting Room
3815 Sachse Road, Building C

Present

Board Members: Amos Pettis, Robbie Huddleston, Michele Carter, Patrece King, Dia Rhoden, Robert Rodgers, Michael Ewing

Not Present:

Director of Library Services: Dolores Greenwald

Council Liaison: Cullen King, not present

Item 1 Call to Order: Mr. Rodgers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item 2 Consider approval of minutes: At the request of Mr. Rodgers, Secretary Amos Pettis read aloud the entire minutes from the December meeting. Amos Pettis made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Mike Ewing seconded. The December minutes were unanimously approved as presented with no changes.

Item 3 Discuss Open Meeting Training: Dolores Greenwald explained that Open Meetings Act training is mandatory under Texas law for all Board members and gave instructions to view the training and complete the certification per the Texas Attorney General's office. The new Board members and any members who have not previously completed the training need to do so. Amos Pettis offered a brief overview on compliance with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act and Mr. Rodgers stated that City Manager Allen Barnes and City Secretary Terry Smith are good resources if members have any questions on this topic. Mr. Rodgers encouraged any members who had previously been trained but might want a refresher on the law's requirements to also take the training.

Item 4 Director's Report: Dolores Greenwald informed members of the upcoming Boards and Commissions dinner. Dolores Greenwald also described the positive review in the Sachse News regarding the eBook readers program and the generous donations to make the program possible. There will be a Mad Hatter's Tea Party program in January. The Board may want to consider a laptop computer check-out policy due to receiving six laptops (and six for the Senior Citizens Center) via a federal grant. In response to a question from Amos Pettis, the eBooks readers have been popular with library patrons and the program is going smoothly. The Wylie Library is temporarily closed so the Sachse Library may expect to see a temporary increase in usage. Dia Rhoden stated the Wylie Library is referring its patrons to Sachse during the closure. Mike Ewing had a question about the library usage numbers. Mr. Rodgers would like to see if the eBook readers' usage can be tracked and documented in the Departmental Report, and there was discussion about tracking the actual eBooks that are on the devices.

Item 5 Citizen Input: Patrece King forwarded the comments of a citizen acquaintance of hers who would like to see more high interest books for teenagers. Dolores Greenwald agreed that this is something that could use improvement and would welcome suggestions of specific series or books.

Item 6 “Friends” Update: Dolores Greenwald stated that the Friends will be meeting in a couple of weeks. Dolores Greenwald went to the Garland Library to talk about their Friends program. The Friends would like to get assistance with the April “Neighbors Read” program, especially from Mr. Rodgers.

Item 7 Library Board Announcements: Mr. Rodgers reminded everyone of the Boards and Commissions dinner next week, and Amos Pettis commented that this event is a nice opportunity to visit with various City leaders in addition to a nicer dinner. Mr. Rodgers invited any members who have agenda suggestions for future meetings to let those suggestions be known so they can be added to the agendas. Dia Rhoden would like to volunteer to help with the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party. Dolores Greenwald stated that the Chamber of Commerce Gala will be March 4th at the Hyatt in Garland.

Item 8 Adjournment: Michele Carter made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Patrece King. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LIBRARY BOARD SECRETARY

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR