

# Library Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 14, 2011

Sachse City Hall

3815 Sachse Road, Building B

## **Present**

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

**Not Present:** Michele Carter

**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 7:01 p.m.

**Item 2 Consider approval of minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed. Michael Ewing made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Patrece King seconded. The January minutes were unanimously approved as presented with no changes.

**Item 3 Discuss Library Repairs:** Dolores Greenwald discussed the damage to the Library from the February 2<sup>nd</sup> burst fire sprinkler pipe. Ms. Greenwald and the Interim City Manager are working with contractors and the insurance adjuster and that process is nearing completion so that work can begin soon. The work will take about 2 – 3 weeks to complete once started, with a goal of being open before the April 9<sup>th</sup> Neighbors Read program. They are talking with a “moving company” that will use lifts to raise the entire book shelves, while still loaded with books, for carpet and work underneath, which will save time and money. The Library is looking to go to carpet squares instead of rolled carpet, which will be easier to maintain. The insurance appraisal was reviewed by the members. Amos Pettis asked about depreciation on contents and Ms. Greenwald is hopeful the Library will be able to replace the necessary items. Michael Ewing asked about a new sprinkler system and there was discussion about the insurance not paying for upgrades and the cost of an improved system. Robert Rodgers asked about the cause of the pipe bursting and what steps, if any, were being taken to prevent a reoccurrence the next time we experience a hard freeze. It was explained that the same exact system is being reinstalled. Dia Rhoden asked about returning books during the closure. Books may be returned to the book drop or kept and overdue fines will be waived.

**Item 4 Director's Report:** Dolores Greenwald discussed the coming effects of the State budget crisis and resulting cuts to State library funding. The Lone Star Libraries Fund is being discontinued, of which the Library has been a beneficiary for many years. The Tech Share Program is funded through 2012 but will not be funded after that. The Library pays a small fee to give the Library and its patrons access to other libraries and a large online database. In response to a question from Robert Rodgers, these cuts will hurt the Library and require tightening in some areas, but they will not be disastrous.

Although the April 9<sup>th</sup> Neighbors Read Program will overlap the Great American Cleanup, the program is expected to be a success. In attendance will be mayors, veterinarians, animal control officers, and others, along with free pet registration (with shot records).

The Library now has two iPad 2s, with one unit for in-library use by patrons as an e-reader.

The Library is expected to look different when it reopens with all the renovations. In response to a question from Amos Pettis, the Library staff is staying busy and productive while the Library is closed.

In response to a question from Michael Ewing, there was discussion of the Library's weeding guidelines and collection development policy.

Finally, the City has asked the Library to discontinue listing "Citizen Input" on the monthly agenda. In addition to having questions about the logistics of how a citizen would give input properly, several members expressed concern about wanting to remain accessible to all citizens and favoring open access to government.

**Item 5 Citizen Input:** No citizens were present.

**Item 6 "Friends" Update:** Dolores Greenwald stated that the Friends' program, which had been scheduled around Valentine's Day, will be rescheduled due to the Library flooding. The Friends are still meeting during the closure.

**Item 7 Library Board Announcements:** Patrece King thanked Mayor Pro Tem Cullen King for delivering an excellent program at Sachse High School during Black History Month. Robert Rodgers thanked Dolores Greenwald for finding an alternate meeting location while the Library is closed.

**Item 8 Adjournment:** Amos Pettis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Michael Ewing. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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LIBRARY BOARD SECRETARY

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