

Library Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 11, 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: Robert Rodgers called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

Item 3 Discuss Library Repairs and Conduct Tour: Library Director Dolores Greenwald led the Board on a tour of the Library while discussing the repairs, renovations, and improvements to the Library. Ms. Greenwald showed the members the new furniture, computers, and Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) stands with computers for looking up materials. Most of the new furniture and equipment came from grant money and the municipal bonds, and the Library is still waiting on the insurance money. It would be nice to have the Friends do a small coffee bar in the Library as a fundraiser. The Library discovered that there is water in the conduit for the electrical wiring and floor plugs, so they will have a contractor re-cable those areas.

Item 4 Director's Report: Dolores Greenwald said the Library was only recently opened and still trying to get back to normal operations, so there were no statistics to discuss. They are trying to get the word out to the community that the Library is back open.

The Library has recently subscribed to two new online services. The Tumble Books program reads, in character, and highlights the words in children's books. The News Bank gives access to numerous newspapers including many Texas papers.

The new iPad 2's have arrived and are being prepared for in-library use by patrons.

Robbie Huddleston had a question about users checking out e-books for use on their own e-book readers and Ms. Greenwald said they are considering testing the Recorded Books service which offers similar services.

Mr. Huddleston also asked about a Safari account to check out computer books.

Item 5 “Friends” Update: Kathy Cobb described the Neighbors Read program in conjunction with the Wylie Library, which kicked off last weekend. The program went well, although attendance was hurt by the Library’s recent closure. The program will be continuing with events for several weeks, culminating with an event at the Wylie Library. The Friends would like to do the program again, with or without grant money, and have formed a committee to consider this issue.

Next Saturday, the Friends will be doing a book fair fundraiser at Barnes and Noble, which may carry over a few days.

Ms. Greenwald also spoke about the upcoming summer reading program.

Item 7 Library Board Announcements: Robert Rodgers was glad the Library was back open and commented that it looked good. Mr. Rodgers also thanked the Board members for their consistent attendance every month.

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

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

LIBRARY BOARD SECRETARY

LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR