



Library Advisory Board

A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Wednesday June 17, 2020 at 5:15 p.m. at the City Hall Council Chambers, 200 W. Vulcan St., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Keith Herring, Lillian Marshall, Sabrina Roberts, Jody Tyson, Lu Hollander, Janie Mehrens, and Renee Mueller

Advisory Board Members absent:

Fredericka DeBerry and Jamey Johnson

City staff present:

Andria Heiges and Carolyn Miller

Others present:

None

1. Call Meeting to Order

2. Citizen and Visitor Comments

Jeana Bellinger introduced herself to the board.

3. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the February 19, 2020 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Janie Mehrens and seconded by Jody Tyson to approve the Minutes from the February 19, 2020 regular meeting as corrected.

Chairperson Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Board Member Jamey Johnson	Absent
Board Member Fredericka DeBerry	Absent
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Yes
Board Member Jody Tyson	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	Yes

4. Presentation and Discussion Related to the Library's Upcoming 120th Birthday Celebration

Andria Heiges reminded board members that in December of 2020 the Fortnightly Club of Brenham will be celebrating their 125th anniversary and the Library will be celebrate its 120th birthday in February of 2021. She mentioned that the Fortnightly Club had many started to plan for a joint celebration with many ideas, including an idea for a Library Wish List of 120 items that could be donated to the Library for it's 120th year.

Janie Mehrens proposed the idea of materials to handout about the history of the Library and the Fortnightly Club to correspond with displays throughout the Library. Renee Mueller mentioned that she would like to see events throughout the year such as book signings, presenters, and more each month, that would bring people into the Library. Carolyn Miller brought up the idea of oral histories that might highlight the contributions of the Fortnightly Club to the Library and the community. Heiges stated that Library employee, Amy Huber, was working on researching the founding members of fortnightly and developing short bios for each founder.

Mehrens said that Fortnightly would be happy to take the lead on planning programs and events to celebrate the special anniversaries, and Heiges agreed to talk with Fortnightly member Susan Myers about the Library wish list.

5. Presentation of a Financial Statement from the Library's Donation Fund

Librarian Andria Heiges presented this item. Heiges stated that the Library currently has a donation fund balance of \$120,672, and of those funds only \$2,475 is designated. A large donation from the Dorothy O'Conner Trust of \$75,000 makes up the bulk of the funds. Heiges stated the Library was able to purchase a UVC light book sanitizing machine with donation funds so that items can be sanitized as they are returned to the Library. The Library plans to purchase a replacement outdoor book return in the coming month.

6. Presentation and Discussion Related to the Library's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response and Re-Opening Plan

Librarian Andria Heiges provided a summary of the Library's re-opening plan and explained that they were in phase III, which includes opening to the public for "Grab and Go" access, curbside pickup, and computer use by appointment. Heiges explained that Grab and Go allowed patrons inside the building with masks, for a maximum of 30 minutes so that they may browse the

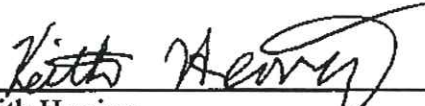
shelves and check out items. Grab and Go is offered Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 4pm, while computers can be reserved on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays.

7. Administrative Report

Librarian Andria Heiges provide the library report for the last six months. In addition, Heiges provided the following updates on programming at the Library.


- Summer Reading Program is being
 - Using Wandbox Reader the program is offered online and encourages tracking of minutes read for prizes.
 - The community wide reading goal for the program is 100,000 minutes
 - 150 Take Home Kits are being distributed every Tuesday between 4pm and 6pm
 - All ages can complete bonus challenges to win weekly prize drawings
- The Library continues to offer digital storytimes through Facebook with Miss LouLou
- Teens are enjoying an online Yu-Gi-Oh card game each week
- Adults are participating in a monthly Zoom Book Club
- The Library introduced Storywalk this month at Fireman's Park trail. There are 23 sign holders with pages of a book all around the trail.

Meeting adjourned.



Keith Herring
Chair Person

ATTEST:



Andria Heiges
Staff Liaison