



## Library Advisory Board

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A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 MLK Jr. Pkwy., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Lillian Marshall, Carol Kiphart, Jerry Jares, Lu Hollander, Janie Mehrens, Jody Tyson, and Renee Mueller

Advisory Board Members absent:

Keith Herring, Sabrina Roberts

City staff present:

Tammy Murphy, Susan Nienstedt, Idalia Avezuela, Jeana Bellinger, and Alyssa Faykus

Others present

Staff members Gloria Mays, Betty Thiel, and Misti Rudloff

1. **Call Meeting to Order** With the absence of President Keith Herring, Vice President Renee Mueller presided and called the meeting to order.
2. **Citizen and Visitor Comments** none
3. **Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the October, 2021 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Janie Mehrens and seconded by Lillian Marshall to approve the Minutes from the October 20, 2021 regular meeting as corrected.

Vice President Renee Mueller called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Absent
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes
Board Member Carol Kiphart	Yes
Board Member Jerry Jares	Yes
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Absent
Board Member Jody Tyson	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	Yes

#### **4. Presentation of New Librarian**

City Supervisor Susan Nienstedt introduced Idalia Avezuela as the new librarian beginning December 6, 2021. Idalia has a Bachelor of Arts degree in music from the University of Puerto Rico and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of North Texas. She has worked at the Rosenberg Library in Galveston, Texas and several Harris County libraries. She is a member of TLA and ALA. In addition to her library career, Idalia has a family farm business. Tammy Murphy remarked the transition to the new librarian administration has been smooth.

#### **5. Presentation and Update of Board Appointments and Reappointments.**

City Secretary Jeana Bellinger presented information from the Sub-Committee of the City Council consisting of Councilmembers Canales, Cook, and Saunders. Since the Library Advisory Board consists of both City Council appointees and Fortnightly appointees, the Sub-Committee recommends two different methods of appointment. The Council will approve and appoint city members for 3-year terms with a 3 term limit. The Sub-Committee recommends the Fortnightly Club approve and appoint club members according to Fortnightly bylaws, and the Fortnightly appointments will be recognized by the Council each December. City members to be considered for reappointment by City Council on December 16, 2021 are Lillian Marshall, Keith Herring, Jerry Jares, and Carol Kiphart. The Fortnightly members to be recognized for reappointment by City Council on December 16, 2021 are Sabrina Roberts, Jody Tyson, Janie Mehrens, Lu Hollander, and Renee Mueller.

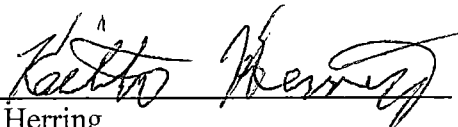
#### **6. Administrative Report**

Interim Librarian Tammy Murphy provided the library program report for the last two months. In addition, Murphy provided the following statistics about the library.

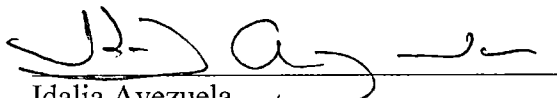
- The library has 45 movies with Christmas in the title.
- 334 books have Christmas in the title.

- 53 nonfiction books have Christmas in the title.

Meeting adjourned. The annual Christmas Social and Board Appreciation followed.

  
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Keith Herring  
Chair Person

**ATTEST:**

  
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Idalia Avezuela  
Staff Liaison