



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library
Tuesday, February 26, 2024

1. Call to Order

Amy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2024.

2. Roll Call Amy Stone, Dana Watson, Cheri Ortega, Carol Bissett, Adam Mauldin

3. Others Present

Gretchen Pruett, Jordan Matney.

4. Approval of Minutes

Cheri made a motion to approve the January 16 minutes as written, and Dana seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved with no corrections.

5. Communications

A. Citizens:

The following individuals spoke at this time:

Judy Rothell: Resident of New Braunfels- spoke about child trafficking in Texas.

Lynn Thompson- Great new study rooms

6. Reports

A. Library Director – Statistics for the Library and info graphic. Physical items circulation is higher than digital, 190 programs funded by the Friends of the library, database usage is down, 17 people per program average, 5200 visitors at the WS library, article about addressing loneliness through the library.

B. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation- Lynn Norvell - May 14, 2024, Book and Author luncheon at the Civic center, trying to develop the base for the foundation, banner over Seguin Ave for luncheon, Bookmark advertising the luncheon in the Herald, individual and table tickets are on sale.

C. Friends of the Library: Bill Morgan died unexpectedly, and Margi Koranek has assumed the presidency, at the Feb 10 Board meeting budget for \$84,000 for library programs was approved. Bonnie Leitch is trying to get a NB Go grant for some technical items for the bookstore. The nominating committee will be meeting on Friday to look for Bills permanent replacement.

7. Discussion & Action

A. Discussion and possible action Library Policy 2.5 Collection Development.

The mission of the New Braunfels Public Library is to provide the community with equal access to physical and virtual environments that support and encourage lifelong learning and enrichment.

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Gretchen: Appendix E has been changed to include a reappeal period of one-year. Person will need to be at the board meeting for the appeal.

Public Comment:

The following individuals spoke against the recommended changes to the policy.

Richard Kelsheimer- NB resident

Teresa Gould - NB resident

Judy Rothell - NB resident

Gretchen addressed some of the concerns that were mentioned by the citizens that spoke, listed above.

Motion to change the policy: Dana Watson endorsed the policy with the changes. seconded by Cheri Ortega. Motion carries and the policy is approved as written.

B. Discussion and possible action on Library Policy 2.16 ILL Policy

Gretchen addresses changes to the policy.

Board Questions: No questions or comments at this time.

Public comment: No questions or comments at this time

Cheri Ortega endorsed the policy, Adam Mauldin seconded, All in favor, none opposed and the motion carries and policy is approved as written.

C. Discussion and possible action on Library Policy 2.22 TexShare cards.

Gretchen addresses changes to the policy.

Carol Bissett endorsed the policy with the changes, Dana Watson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries and the policy is approved as written.

8. Items for Next Agenda

In March the Advisory Board will review and certify the annual report.

9. Adjournment

Amy Stone adjourned the meeting at 6.14 p.m.