



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

1. Call to Order

Carol Bissett called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

2. Roll Call

Connie Born, Cheri Ortega, Dana Watson, Adam Mauldin. Amy Stone arrived at 5:35pm.

Others Present: Gretchen Pruetz,

3. Presentations:

none at this time

4. Approval of Minutes

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

5. Communications

- A. Citizens: Kim Huntsman** – Resident, Thank you Chip for volunteering to help with the friends.
- B. Board members:** None at this time

6. Reports

- A. Library Director** –May update, circulation dropped slightly but that is normal for May, we still had 174 programs with 6000 people attending. Attendance for main library was about the same as April. WS is holding steady. Collection dev slows down this time of year except for standing orders. Personnel changes-Miranda left in May, and we will be hiring a new digital services librarian. Jen Hernandez is leaving July 5. We will be hiring with an internal position within the City to begin with. The Director search is ongoing, just did the first round of interviews. The City is in the first round of budget meetings for the FY25. We will be an election site for November at Main and WS. July 15, at 5 pm Gretchen will be doing a presentation to the City Council on Library Policies. August 27 LAB meeting will be reviewing the Community Center policies and incorporating them into the purview of the LAB. 2,400 people were at the library on opening day of Summer Reading.
- B. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation-** Lynn is not present, they are working on the numbers for the Book and Author Luncheon.
- C. Friends of the Library: Chip Frank-** We had a children’s book sale on Summer reading opening day, We will be participating in the Big Give to try and get \$12,000 for wheeled play carts for small children in the library. Two at Main and two at WS.

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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Sept 18 is the main day for the Big Give. Oct 10 will be the book sale. The book store is on pace for a larger year than last year. Between \$4 – 5,000 a month.

7. Discussion & Action

A. Discussion and possible action Library Policy 2.4 Library Confidentiality + Video Surveillance.

Gretchen- discussed the policy and not recommending changes at this time.

Board Questions: No questions or comments.

Public Comment: No questions or comments

Cheri moved to endorse the policy, Adam seconded, All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries and policy is approved with no changes.

B. Discussion and possible action on Library Policy 2.8 Volunteers.

Gretchen- discussed changes to the policy.

Board Questions: No questions or comments.

Public Comment: No questions or comments.

Dana moved to endorse the policy, Cheri seconded, All in favor, none opposed, the motion carries and policy is approved as written.

8. Items for Next Agenda

No action may be taken at this time.

Nothing on the schedule that needs to happen at the July 23 meeting.

9. Adjournment

Amy adjourned the meeting at 6:07 p.m.