



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library
Monday, October 16, 2023

1. Call to Order

Amy Stone called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023.

2. Roll Call

a. Members Present Kristen Fain, Cheri Ortega, Connie Born, and Dana Watson, Amy Stone

b. Others Present

Gretchen Pruett, library director; Natalee Corbett, library assistant director

3. Approval of Minutes

Cheri Ortega made a motion to approve the September 18 minutes as written, and Connie Born seconded. Add Dana Watson to the members present at the Sept 18 meeting. The minutes were approved.

4. Communications

a. Citizens: Susan Peloquin – Resident former educator in Austin. Pictures in the teen section. Childrens internet protection state law. Remove the book or put it in the adult section. Deborah Nelson- NB addr outside city limits. Support the library, Suzie Collins – support for the library, thank you for educating our children and supporting our community.

b. Library Advisory Board Members

Amy Stone requested that Library Advisory Board members attend the city council meetings when possible.

5. Reports

a. Library Director- Opening of Westside library branch, 2000 people attended the grand opening. The tiles have been painted and returned. In the 15 days that it has been open we have had 6000 visitors to that library. Programming at the community center has remained. 17,000 visitors at the main library in September. 17,000 wireless users, data base usage is up, 1000 computer usage sessions. 6000 questions answered by staff, 3 book a librarian, 38 reference questions, 400 – 500 Utility assistance requests. Programming numbers take a little longer to compile but we will have a wrap up in November. 33 unique volunteers, circulation up 23% since the previous September. We will be sending out letters for book challenges this week. We wanted to make sure that people have the time to appeal. Tuesday, Nov 28 for appeals. We will send out notifications for the next advisory board in council chambers for 11/28. People are enjoying the historical pictures in the 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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branch.

- b. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation-** No information to report for the Foundation. Plaques are up, estimates for a new pathway in the garden. 8 x 8 tiles will be available for purchase.

- 6. Friends of the Library** – opening night for the sale raised almost \$20,000. We don't have numbers for the rest of the weekend yet. The solar eclipse glasses were a big draw and brought people into the sale.

7. Discussion & Action

- a. Review and possible action on Library Policy– 23.1399** Internet and electronic resources use- We are not recommending any changes at this time. Motion- Kristin, Second- Cheri. No opposed or abstained. Accepted and endorsed as written.
- b. Review and possible action on Library Policy 2.23** – Childrens internet protection and internet safety. There are no proposed changes. Motion – Dana to approve, seconded- Connie. Accepted and endorsed as proposed.
- c. Review and possible action on Library Policy 2.80 – Volunteers**
there are no proposed changes. Motion- Connie, Seconded- Kristin. No opposed or abstained. Accepted and endorsed as written.

8. Items for Next Agenda (No Action May be Taken)

11- 28- 2023 as the proposed date for next meeting

9. Adjournment

Amy Stone adjourned the meeting at 5.55 p.m.