



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library
Monday, July 18, 2022

1. Call to Order

Library Advisory Board Chair Connie Born called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. on Monday, July 18, 2022.

2. Roll Call

a. Members Present

Connie Born, Carol Bissett, Deb Wigington, Cheri Ortega, Dana Watson, Kristen Fain, Amy Stone

b. Others Present

Gretchen Pruett, library director; Andrea Harlan, NBPL Foundation president

3. Presentations

a. Bond Advisory Committee Update

Amy Stone discussed the public meeting for the library that will be held on July 27 at Klein Road Elementary. BAC meetings should start again in September.

4. Approval of Minutes

Carol Bissett made a motion to approve the June minutes, and Amy Stone seconded. The minutes were approved.

5. Communications

a. Citizens

b. Library Advisory Board Members

Connie Born discussed the cities where public libraries were being told books had to be removed, and where a library in Iowa was closed, and wanted to know what protection NBPL has against such measures. Gretchen Pruett says much of it comes down to the library's collection development policy.

6. Reports

a. Friends of the Library

Nothing to report.

b. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

Andrea Harlan reports the Foundation intends to expand the Book & Author Luncheon next year with a larger room at the civic center and 500 attendees. The Foundation will be raising ticket prices to \$75, tables for 10 at \$750. They've reserved dates for the next 5 years with the civic center. The Foundation has also hired someone to maintain their website and help with social media.

c. Library Director

Gretchen Pruett presented more information on the "dead on arrival" (new books that never



check out) rates at NBPL, which is considerably lower than other LibraryIQ libraries. One of the things that impacts NBPL's DOAs is replacement copies, which can reset the checkout count. She also reports that by the next meeting, we should know which projects will be approved for FY23.

d. Treasurer's Report

The big \$23,000 hit was the work done to renovate the Family Place area of the Children's Room, and the trust is sitting at \$20,000.

7. Discussion & Action

a. Review and possible action on Library Policy 2.19 – Test Proctoring Service

Carol Bissett moved to endorse the policy and Kristen Fain seconded. The board endorsed the policy.

b. Review and possible action on Library Policy 2.11 – Internet and Electronic Resource Use

Deb Wigington moved to endorse the policy and Amy Stone seconded. The board endorsed the policy.

c. Review and possible action on Library Policy 2.10 – Reference Services

Minor changes recommended, including the addition of Book a Librarian. Dana Watson moved to endorse the policy and Cheri Ortega seconded. The board endorsed the policy.

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

These items will carry over to the August agenda.

9. Adjournment

Connie Born adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.