



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library – In-Person
Monday, Oct. 18, 2021

1. Call to Order

Library Advisory Board President Connie Born called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

2. Roll Call

a. Members Present

Connie Born, Amy Stone, Kay Cartwright, Deb Wigington

b. Others Present

Gretchen Pruett, library director; Lynn Norvell, New Braunfels Public Library Foundation; Kelsey Decker, library liaison

3. Presentations

a. Westside Library Branch Update

With weather and material delays, opening looks like it will now be Fall 2022.

4. Approval of Minutes

Deb Wigington made a motion to approve the September minutes and Kay Cartwright seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

5. Communications

a. Citizens

b. Library Advisory Board Members

6. Reports

a. Friends of the Library

Gretchen Pruett reports the Friends made just short of \$35,000 from the Book Sale.

b. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

Lynn Norvell reports the Foundation raised \$14,383 in the Big Give, and the Foundation was awarded an additional thousand from the McKenna Foundation for promoting the match minutes. The Meeting Room, three study rooms, and the teen area at the Westside Library are still up for grabs for sponsorship. Heather and Gretchen are meeting with HEB tomorrow to discuss the Meeting Room. On Nov. 11, the Foundation will be celebrating its 25th anniversary. Stay at Home Book Ball invitations will be going out after Thanksgiving, and the spelling bee will be held on Dec. 6, with a portion of proceeds going to United Way.

c. Library Director

One of our librarians is moving out of state with her family, so we'll be filling that position in addition to the other positions (branch manager, assistant director) that we need now that it's a new fiscal year. The circulation area renovation, which used Sissel funding, should be starting in a couple weeks.



d. Treasurer

No report this month.

7. Discussion & Action

a. Discuss and consider a recommendation to appoint a board member as the Library Advisory Board representative to the Bond Advisory Committee

The City has asked for certain advisory boards to have a dedicated representative on the Bond Advisory Committee in addition to community representatives. In prior sessions, the chair was automatically appointed, but that policy has changed this time around. Deb Wigington nominated Amy Stone; Kay Cartwright seconded. Amy Stone was appointed.

b. Review and Possible Action on Library Policy 2.18 – Access for Americans with Disabilities

No changes are recommended at this time. Amy Stone moved to endorse the policy; Deb Wigington seconded. The policy was endorsed as written.

c. Review and Possible Action on Library Policy 2.13 – Gifts and Donations

No changes are recommended at this time. Amy Stone moved to endorse the policy; Deb Wigington seconded. The policy was endorsed as written.

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

These items will carry over to the November agenda.

9. Adjournment

Connie Born adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.