



New Braunfels Public Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes

New Braunfels Public Library – In-Person
Monday, Dec. 13, 2021

1. Call to Order

Library Advisory Board President Connie Born called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13, 2021.

2. Roll Call

a. Members Present

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

b. Others Present

Gretchen Pruett, library director; Bill Morgan, Friends of the Library; Andrea Harlan, New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

3. Presentations

a. Westside Library Branch Update

Slab should be poured by the end of December. Most recent timeline involves an August turnover date with an opening of Fall 2022. Once the slab is poured, the walls should go up quickly with a hope of making up some lost time. Parking continues to be a challenge, which impacts programming.

4. Approval of Minutes

Deb Wigington made a motion to approve the October minutes and Amy Stone seconded. The minutes were approved as written.

5. Communications

a. Citizens

Jenna Ring attended to observe and understand the community better.

b. Library Advisory Board Members

Amy Stone says she hasn't heard anything specific about the Bond Advisory Committee meeting yet. Gretchen said there was a delay in two appointments, but that those appointments were scheduled for this evening.

6. Reports

a. Friends of the Library

President Bill Morgan reports the Friends of Library are back from covid. They've had two in-person meetings, the annual book sale brought in \$35,000, and membership is back up to about 235. Donations also continue to pour in.

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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b. New Braunfels Public Library Foundation

President Andrea Harlan reports the spelling bee on Dec. 6 was a really fun event that they'll hopefully be able to do again next year. The Foundation made about \$6,000. Book Ball invitations will be going out this week. Jean Becker will be speaking at this year's Book & Author Luncheon rather than a standalone event. A team is working on Westside room and shelf range sponsorships.

c. Library Director

Gretchen Pruett reports that "post"-covid, we're at about two-thirds of where we were in terms of circulation pre-covid and at about one-third of where we were in terms of visits. People are still using the library, but with curbside, home delivery, and eResources, patrons don't necessarily have to come into the building. We're in the final stages of the Adult Services Librarian hiring process with second interviews this week and a hope of having the person start in January.

7. Discussion & Action

a. Review and Possible Action on Library Policy 2.5 – Collection Development

No changes are recommended at this time, but with new members on the board, reviewing why and how library staff select (and deselect) the materials they do is a timely subject. Carol Bissett moved to endorse the policy; Kristen Fain seconded. The policy was endorsed as written.

b. Review and Possible Action on Library Policy 2.22 – TexShare Cards

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

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

These items will carry over to the January agenda.

- Election of officers

9. Adjournment

Connie Born adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.