



LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MAIN LIBRARY - INSPIRE MEETING ROOM 901 CONOVER DR. 75051
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patsy Ray called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

PRESENT

Patsy Ray, Chair

Deinna Mims Johnson

Vanna Ngo

Dan Smith

Jacquin Headen

ABSENT

Ann Chilton

Karen Eddlemon

Dana Jackson

Patricia Smith

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of minutes June 28, 2021

Dan Smith made a motion for approval of the June 28th, 2021 minutes and Patsy Ray seconded the motion. The motion passed.

2. Library Social Worker

Anne Marie Holstead , Program Social Worker, gave the Board an insight of her position within the library. Holstead is a Licensed Clinical Social worker and is helping the public with connecting to resources. Holstead has forms disbursed at all three branches for patrons to fill out in regards to meeting with her and providing more information of their situation. Under the library she is considered also a programmer and she will be manning programs for mental health, parenting programs, social work hub and support groups. Holstead is currently the only social worker that is stationed in a public library in Texas. Holstead' s services are completely free and her email is AHolstead@GPTX.org.

3. Summer Reading Club accomplishments

Jennifer Lusk, Children's Programming Specialist, updated the Board on the Library's Summer Reading Club 2021 statistics. This year's theme was Outdoor Adventures. Lusk explained that this year was the first year back to using physical reading logs. In total, there were 9,033 submitted logs and 45,165 hours read. Summer Reading Programs were both in-person and virtual due to COVID regulations. Most programs were also by registration only. Total attendance for the children's programs were 8,886. Total attendance for Teen programs were 1,125. Total attendance for Adult programs were 3,520. And total outreach attendance were 5,215. In total there was 18,746 attendance for this year's Summer Reading Programs. Summer highlights include SRC Kickoff and Back to school Bash. SRC kickoff was by registration only and was in-person, outdoors. Back to school bash was completely virtual on LIVE and families were provided take home kits for the activities. Lusk explained that City Square Food served a total of 593 children with free meals to take home. Each child brought home 5 meals a day. The library's in-person programs included: Bubble Bus Bash, Eco Kids, Fossil Hunters and Outdoor Science Camp. Virtual programs included: Beyond the book, Spy School, Mad Science Mondays, Full STEAM ahead, cooking up chemistry and SRC Monday Programs. The library's SRC Monday programs were special events that only would occur during the summer. Lusk explained in this year's SRC Monday Program included the Caribbean Dive where the Texas State Aquarium took children to see different ocean wildlife through Facebook Live. Lusk updated the board that the programs will continue to be hybrid until 2022.

4. Updated COVID related protocols and library hours of operation

Peter Sime, Library Services Supervisor of People, updated the board on COVID related protocols and Library Hours of Operation. On September 7th, 2021 the Grand Prairie Memorial Library and Betty Warmack Branch Library extended their operation hours to 10:00am-8:00pm Monday through Thursday, 10:00am-6:00pm Friday and 11:00am-5:00pm Saturday. All furniture and play areas have been re-established with continued cleaning procedures. All meetings rooms are available for in-person programming with masks highly recommended and social distancing follow COVID protocols.

5. Friends of the Library update

Jennifer Walker, Library Manager, updated the Board on Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library are back to sorting books on Mondays at 9:00am-11:00am. In their most recent sale they've made \$1500 in sales, \$360 in donations and \$300 in membership signups. The Friends of the Library helps the Library with additional funding for programs and supplies. The next sale will be in April of 2022 and the Clearance Sale will be scheduled in January.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.

There were no citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm.

The forgoing minutes werapproved at the _____ Library Board Meeting.

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CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Library Board agenda was prepared and posted October 22, 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Sprinkles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a decorative flourish at the end.

Amy Sprinkles, Library Director