

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES  
OF A REGULAR MEETING

KERRVILLE, TEXAS  
May 17, 2011

On Tuesday, May 21, 2011, the Library Advisory Board meeting was called to order by Board Member Mrs. Moseley at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers, 800 Junction Highway, Kerrville, Texas.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judy Carr	Board Member
Dan Ehrenreich	Friends of the Library
Diana Martin	Board Member
Janet Moseley	Board Member

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mike Bowlin	Kerrville Genealogical Society
T. Scott Gross	City Councilmember

ABSENT MEMBERS:

Kay Hayes	Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Letz	County Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Kim Meisner	Director of General Operations
Dan Schwartz	Library Director
Rachael McDonnell	Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT:

CALL TO ORDER

1. VISITOR/CITIZENS FORUM:

N/A

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2A. Approval of minutes of the Library Advisory Board meeting held on April 19, 2011.  
Minutes approved as read: 4-0.

3. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

3A. Monthly Performance Measures (Daniel Schwartz)

Mr. Schwartz reported on attached forms showing statistics for the library. There are new formats being used to present the library statistics. 236 people, as of the end of April, have participated in the basket-of-books program with circulation check-outs of 6400 items. That's averaging about 3000 a week since the start of the program when under normal circumstances we are usually at half that. On the circulation count report it is showing the total number of check-outs in Millennium since January 24 which is at 4,500 with 11,000 items out at this time. Also, since going live on Millennium we have had 3,142 cardholders with a split of 54%/42% between City and County. Then showing a 3% balance for the rest of the state/out of state.

- 3B. Transition to temporary space - History Center (Daniel Schwartz)  
Plan is to be open at the History center by July 5<sup>th</sup> at the latest. The main building will be closing May 21, 2011. The building, 433 Water St., will be moved to a new location – The Rails.

**4. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY:**

- 4A. Update on Friends Activities (Dan Ehrenreich)  
Mr. Ehrenreich reported that by the end of April, the Friends had finished rearranging their books and were able to free up multiple shelves for the library's use during renovation. With Kim Meismer's help, we have found a home, thru the Dietert Center, for the books on tape, VHS items we are clearing out of the library. These will be used to create an on-site library for the residents there. At the Friend's Board May meeting it was unanimously passed to donate up to \$200,000 dollars for new library furniture. The Friends are also contributing to the staff/volunteer appreciation picnic being held May 22, 2011 from 4p -7p at the Louise Hays Park Pavilion.

**5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION:**

- 5A. Update on Mary Elizabeth Holdsworth Library Foundation activities (Robin Amerine)  
N/A

- 5B. Update on Library Renovation Project (Daniel Schwartz)  
Mr. Schwartz reported that the library is in the process of moving the collection into basement for storage. Our Parks and Recreation Department staff have been a big help in moving shelves and furniture into storage. Roof construction will begin by June 1, 2011 and will hopefully be completed by July 5, 2011.

A discussion was held, led by Mr. Gross, concerning the issue of patrons storing library books at their homes and the possibility of bedbugs. Concerns were addressed from recent outbreaks in the United States.

Mr. Gross also had suggestions concerning new furniture for the library. He would like to see the exploration into possibly using local artists in creating items for the library. Ms. Meismer mentioned that there will be advertising for bids for those types of items but it would be something to explore.

Ms. Meismer also introduced Kay Lenox, who works closely with Charles Butts. Ms. Lenox offered thanks to the Friends for their donation to the library.

- 5C. Update on Interlocal Agreement with Kerr County (Kim Meismer)  
Ms. Meismer reported per City Council, City staff is preparing budgets with funding sources only coming from the City. The County has rejected the last proposed budget offers. So, that means the City would be funding Library budget without County support unless an agreement is reached concerning the library. Ms. Carr asked if there were any plans to charge county residents a fee for library cards if support did not come from the County. Ms. Meismer stated it was a possibility but that we were not to that point yet. Ms. Martin brought up the possible 200,000 donation from the Cailloux foundation. Mr. Gross explained that that was a deal between the County and the Foundation so the City has no involvement with it.

- 5D. Next scheduled Library Advisory Board meeting – June 21, 2011

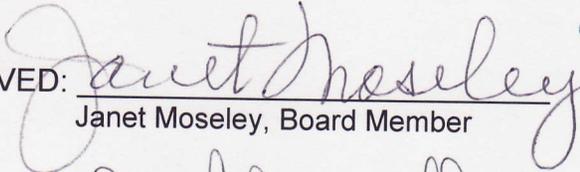
6. **ANNOUNCEMENTS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST**

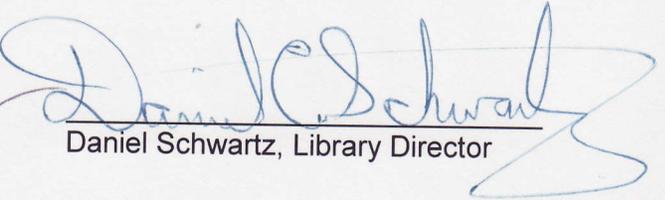
- 6A. Mr. Schwartz announced that staff member Gretchen Atkinson had had a baby boy last Monday – Andrew Corbin Atkinson.  
Mr. Gross complemented the library, as a whole, for all the great services and books they provide the community.

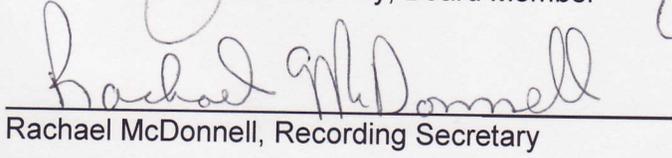
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

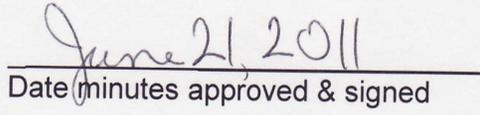
Mr. Ehrenreich moved to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mrs. Carr and passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm.

APPROVED:

  
Janet Moseley, Board Member

  
Daniel Schwartz, Library Director

  
Rachael McDonnell, Recording Secretary

  
Date minutes approved & signed