



City of Pflugerville

Minutes - Final

Library Board

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:00 PM

1008 W. Pfluger Street, Pflugerville, TX

Regular Meeting

Library Board Members:

Robert Spoonemore

Kevin Williams

Jerry Spataro

Deborah Bronson

Sue Lee Flores

Marylou Grzybowski

Rosie Riddick

Carl Moore, Jr., Alternate

1. Call to Order

Chair Spoonemore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Robert Spoonemore (Chair), Jerry Spataro (Vice Chair), Rosie Riddick (Secretary), Marylou Grzybowski, Kevin Williams, Deborah Bronson and Carl Moore, Jr. (Alternate). Sue Lee Flores was absent.

Teen Liaisons: absent

Staff: Jennifer Coffey – Library Director, Daniel Berra – Assistant Director

2. Discuss and Consider Action

2A. [2017-5503](#)

Election of Library Board officers

Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Chair Spoonemore turned the election proceedings over to Director Coffey. She asked for nominations for Chair. Board Member Grzybowski nominated Chair Spoonemore. Board Member Bronson seconded the motion. Chair Spoonemore was reelected unanimously.

Director Coffey asked for nominations for Vice Chair. Chair Spoonemore nominated Vice Chair Spataro. Board Member Grzybowski seconded the motion. Vice Chair Spataro was reelected unanimously.

Director Coffey asked for nominations for Secretary. Chair Spoonemore nominated Secretary Riddick. Board Member Grzybowski seconded the motion. Secretary Riddick was reelected unanimously.

3. Citizens Communication

None.

The Library Board welcomes comment on items relevant to the Pflugerville Public Library not already scheduled on tonight's agenda. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published agenda will only be heard by the Board. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made.

4. Approval of Minutes

- 4A. [2017-5500](#) Discuss and consider action to approve the Library Board regular meeting minutes of December 14, 2016.

The minutes were approved as submitted.

5. Discuss Only

- 5A. [2017-5495](#) Report on the Friends of the Library activities.
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey reported that the Friends did not meet in December. Their quarterly book sale is tomorrow (1/12) at the library. Whatever books do not sell will be given to a non-profit (Inside Books Project) that sends books to prisons. Two staff members, Bri Briones and Kelsey Baker set this up. The Friends have doubled their income from sales this year and have upped their allotment in support to the library.

- 5B. [2017-5496](#) Teen Liaison report.
Christian Douglas, Hendrickson High School

Teen liaison Christian Douglas was absent. Chair Spoonemore pointed out that the board is still short a liaison and to reach out to potentially interested students.

- 5C. [2017-5497](#) Library Director Report
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey reported that most of the stats are similar to last year. The circulation of physical items is down a little and the electronic resources are up significantly. We expect this to level off at some point. We are expanding our effort to promote Vietnamese and Spanish materials and adding shelving to those areas. Computer use remains strong and based on an observational estimate, the use of the library Wi-Fi is equal to the use of the patron computers. The library is working with the city's animal shelter to display pets up for adoption. Three animals have already been adopted. We also had a dog from the shelter visit a Storytime. Member savings are down a little due to the fact that this does not include electronic resources.

Board Member Grzybowski pointed out that the program attendance numbers are great. Director Coffey added that with the numbers so high and the offerings so robust, it is becoming difficult to add new programs. The programming staff is responsible for this success. They try out new things

and replace ones that do not work. For some programs we purposely have a smaller audience like Sensory Storytime for those on the autism spectrum. Alternate Member Moore asked to clarify if Suddenlink refers to the Wi-Fi and Director Coffey replied yes. Board Member Bronson asked about the attendance numbers for the Heritage House Museum. Director Coffey explained that the library has been managing it since February and the numbers on the report reflect the expanded hours we offered during the city's farmers market on Tuesdays. Alternate Member Moore suggested that demonstration programming could be initiated there. Director Coffey agreed and added that we are also working on a raised garden, fixing the foundation, and installing an A/C vent upstairs. Board Member Grzybowski asked about the funds for Heritage House, and if that affects other areas of the library budget. Director Coffey explained that there is now a line item in our budget for the museum.

There is also a joint work session coming up with the City Council regarding policies and the 5-Year Plan, but there is not a date as of yet. Board members are encouraged to attend. The changes to the policy the board approved make it easier for people to use our resources. Chair Spoonemore asked if this is on February 9 and Director Coffey replied that the February 9 date is our meeting with the Finance Committee and board members are encouraged to come support us there also.

5D. [2017-5499](#)

Discussion regarding Changing Role of Libraries - Fandom.
Jennifer Coffey, Library Director

Director Coffey discussed the next item in the series, Changing Role of Libraries. The subject this month was Fandom, which describes a community of people passionate about something such as a book series, a particular movie, comics, etc. The positive aspects of fandom include allowing sometimes socially awkward individuals to build social skills. At the library we have addressed this trend by offering programs centered on Star Wars, Harry Potter, Dr. Who, and Hunger Games, and events like Comic Con, Maker Pfest, and Manga Club. These programs have received a very positive response from the community and great turnout. Alternate Member Moore asked if staff plans these events by keeping up with pop culture. Director Coffey responded yes, but also by more specific means like attending other Comic Cons and Maker Fests in the area, reading about trends, allowing patrons to make requests, being mindful of the community interests, and running reports to compare money spent vs. usage for related materials in the collection. We have had graphic novels challenged in the past, there is a process in place to deal with complaints related to materials in the collection. We explain that we offer materials that appeal to a wide array of interests and allow each patron to decide what is suitable to their own tastes. If the patron wishes to file a formal complaint and asked to have the item reconsidered they can bring it to the board. This has only happened once in the last 10 years.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

7. Adjourn

Chair Spoonemore adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Coffey
Library Director

Approved as presented on February 8, 2017.