

**MINUTES OF THE PATRICK HEATH PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2013**

Chair Ashlee Pfeiffer confirmed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Also in attendance: Shirley Hord, Carol Green, Jeanne Clark, Brian Cartwright, Rita Weber, Paula Petty, Natalie Morgan and Elisa Welder. Absent: Chuck Bardwell.

Guests

No guests were present.

Reading and Approval of 7/11/13 Minutes

The minutes of the last meeting were read. Brian Cartwright moved to approve and Paula Petty seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

None.

Library Director's Report

Alex Roush was the grand-prize winner of our Summer Reading Program. Alex read 12,124 minutes this summer. Second-prize winner, **Isaac Sueltenfuss**, read 11,640 minutes.

We have created reader's advisory brochures for various age groups—kindergarten, grades 3-5, teens, books every child should hear before kindergarten, books for children in Spanish and several read-alikes. These are part of our strategic plan to encourage early and continuing literacy.

The volunteer background check system is finally back online so we can run the needed checks to get volunteers approved to help us with various duties in the library.

On September 9, the library began offering a new service to patrons. Each of the 14 staff members will take 1-hour turns at being a concierge. A concierge welcomes patrons to the library, provides basic directional assistance, and offers help with the popular materials section and the materials return. The Library Concierge will also direct patrons to each day's programs, or to the appropriate information desk for assistance with more in-depth questions.

We have found that with consistency, communication and vigilance we are dealing very well with the many teens that frequent the library after school. We have had very few instances of disruptive behavior and have few kids left after closing time

Attention all local authors! We will be holding an event to promote area writers and authors this upcoming March. This event will allow members of our community to interact with local authors and purchase books, if they so desire. If interested, please contact Sandy Johnston at the library for more information.

The **Library Foundation's** first Live at the Library concert of the new season featured Zydeco Blanco on September 10. The concert on October 8 features Harry & the Hightones at 6:00 p.m. (Postcard schedule included).

The **Biscuit Brothers** played to a crowd of more than 100 last Friday.

We have added one new **storytime**. We now have lapsit and toddler storytimes on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Please see attached newsletter.

A **conversational Spanish group** for elementary school children happens every Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. starting today. The book clubs for kids in 1st-3rd and 4th-5th grades also begin this week.

Super Science Saturday: Time to Tinker will be on Saturday, September 14 at 10 a.m. BISD educator Joan Labay-Marquez will help kids create an artist robot.

The **Magical History Tour** scheduled for September 10 at the Sultenfuss-Ammann Ranch was canceled due to the rain. However, the group gathered for lunch at O'Briens to talk about the much needed rain.

Sit. Stay. Do No Harm will be on Tuesday, September 24 at 6 p.m. Boerne Animal Control Officer Lorrie Hockey will present information on how to balance the health and public safety needs of people and animals

The next **Pinterest Class** is on Tuesday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m. where participants will be making t-shirt scarves.

The last event in the fall **Armchair Explorer** series will be October and the topic of discussion will be Antarctica. The date has not yet been determined. The last event was held on September 9 and the topic was "Afghanistan: Through the Eyes of the Artist". The artist was Jennifer Gowen and the session had 14 participants.

Six weeks of basic **Spanish language classes** began Thursday, September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Nine students attended.

Committee Reports

None.

Old Business

Fee Ordinance Review:

Jeanne Clark made a motion to accept the increase in out of county card fees (\$55 for annual out of county per household memberships and \$15 for temporary out of county per individual fees) and Rita Weber seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Customer Service Policy:

Carol made a motion to accept changes in the Customer Service Policy and Paula Petty seconded. Motion carried.

Computer Use and Wireless Access:

Paula Petty asked about what the definition of "excessive demands" means on page six under the heading: Rules Governing Use, #3. Natalie cited certain examples such as a patron asking to learn an operating system that the library doesn't actually use (Windows 8), or patrons asking for help on job applications that may take several hours. Jeanne Clark made a motion to accept the changes in the Computer and Wireless Access Policy and Paula Petty seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business.

Brian Cartwright made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 p.m. and Paula Petty seconded. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 13, 2013,

Sandy Johnston