

**MINUTES OF THE PATRICK HEATH PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2013**

Chair Ashlee Pfeiffer confirmed that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Also in attendance: Shirley Hord, Carol Green, Chuck Bardwell, Brian Cartwright, Paula Petty, Kelly Skovbjerg and Sandy Johnston. Absent: Rita Weber and Jeanne Clark

Guests

No guests were present.

Reading and Approval of 9/12/13 Minutes

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

Citizen Comments

None.

Library Director's Report

The library will be closed on October 14 in observance of Columbus Day.

An update on progress made on the strategic plan will be presented to City Council at their meeting on October 22.

October is a very busy month for us here at the library. Please view the attached newsletter for an idea of the many programs that are scheduled this month.

The **Library Foundation's** second Live at the Library concert of the season featured Harry & the Hightones on October 8 at 6:00 p.m. The concert on November 12 features Donald Braswell at 6:00 p.m.

Super Science Saturday on October 5 celebrated Global Cardboard Challenge Day and Star Wars Reads Day. It was a big hit with almost 100 people participating. In addition to kids building all kinds of Star Wars creations with cardboard and other recycled materials, there were Star Wars crafts, treats and the Sith Council of South Texas did a demonstration. The next **Super Science Saturday** event will be October 26 at 10:00 a.m. with our own Megan Ramirez discussing her archaeological field work in Peru. She'll bring plenty of specimens to touch and the kids will learn about bones as well.

150 people attended the September **Super Science Saturday** event.

To celebrate the release of the next Percy Jackson book, **House of Hades**, the **Page Turners book club** threw a party on October 10 at 3:15 p.m. Participants ran relays and got a chance to win a copy of the book.

Family Film Night on Sunday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. celebrates the 75th anniversary of **The Wizard of Oz**. Weather permitting we will screen the movie on the back lawn. There will also be craft activities and a costume contest. Popcorn and snow cones will be served. We have partnered with the Boerne Family YMCA to bring this program to the library.

Adult Department

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

October is **Family History** month. Please see the attached newsletter for dates and times for the weekly events.

The **Poetry Festival** kicks off on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. with 2012 Texas Poet Laureate Jan Epton Seale and ends October 18 at 6:00 p.m. with UTSA professor Wendy Barker.

The next **Pinterest Class** on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. is full. Participants will be working on decorating pumpkins and witch hats.

Throughout the month of October, the Kendall County Historical Commission is presenting images and artifacts related to the Texas Rangers in the library's gallery.

To round out our humanities programs for the month, we hosted the last in our 2013 series called **Armchair Explorers** on October 7. Dr. Blake Weissling of UTSA discussed what has been discovered on recent scientific expeditions to Antarctica. Fifteen people attended.

Committee Reports

Display Committee: Boerne Independent School District All Level Art Show. The Display Committee approved BISD's request to display students' art work throughout the library during the month of April. Chuck Bardwell made a motion to accept the Display Committee recommendation and Brian Cartwright seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Circulation Policy:

Carol Green asked why the last sentence in the first paragraph under Section A: Library Card Registration was needed. Kelly Skovbjerg made the suggestion of striking through "per person or per family" and changing the word "privileges" to resources. Carol Green made a motion to accept the policy with changes Paula Petty seconded. Motion carried.

Interlibrary Loan Policy:

Paula Petty made a motion to accept the changes in the policy and Chuck Bardwell seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business.

Kelly Skovbjerg wanted the board to be aware that the library uses different social media software for many purposes. The City has a yet-to-be-adopted policy on social media which the library will follow. The library has developed procedures for social media which she shared with the board.

The City approved in the new fiscal year budget a 25-hour part time person to be hired for the library as well as a virtual setup for public computers which will dramatically increase costs for computer maintenance in coming years. The overall budget was reduced because the 2007 debt service for the QOL bonds was paid off. This decrease does not negatively impact the library.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on October 15, 2013,

Sandy Johnston