

**MINUTES FROM THE PATRICK HEATH PUBLIC LIBRARY
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
March 9, 2017**

In attendance: Susan Nelson, Rita Weber, Martha Schaefer, Woody Woodard, Ann Meyer, Sandy Johnston and Kelly Skovbjerg. Absent: Ashlee Pfeiffer, Richele Poston and Karen Hill.

Guests

None.

Minutes

The minutes of the February 9, 2017 meeting were read. Susan Nelson moved to approve and Martha Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments

None.

Library Director's Report

Kelly Skovbjerg presented the February Director's Report (attached) which highlights activities and accomplishments by department. The report also includes photos of events and a calendar of March activities at the library.

Committee Reports

Display Committee:

None.

Old Business

Strategic Plan 2017-2020

New Business

Display Spaces Policy

Susan Nelson moved to approve the policy with changes and Ann Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Customer Service Policy

Ann Meyer moved to approve the policy with changes and Rita Weber seconded. Motion carried.

Computer Use and Wireless Internet Access Policy

Martha Schaefer moved to approve the policy with changes and Ann Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Technology Lending Policy

Rita Weber moved to approve the policy with changes and Susan Nelson seconded. Motion carried.

Mission and Vision Statements

Ann Meyer moved to approve the mission and vision statements with changes and Martha Schaefer seconded. Motion carried.

2017 Legislative Update

Senator Birdwell from North Texas has filed bill SB 902, which prohibits the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) from requiring libraries to meet minimum accreditation standards related to local operating expenditures, collections based on publication dates, hours of operation, and the number or classification of library employees. Key points are that this bill effectively removes most criteria used for public library accreditation, would diminish the quality of library services throughout the state, and dilutes and devalues legitimate library service by eliminating common baselines for professionalism, services and resources. Kelly shared the Texas Library Association talking points and encouraged the board to contact their reps to indicate disapproval of this bill. At this point, the bill has not been sent to committee.

Other Business

The playground concept was presented to the board by Kelly Skovbjerg to show the location and the general concept of what is being proposed. We are currently working with the BPLF and with an outside group that might be interested in helping to complete the project.

The Kendall County Library Advisory Board annual dinner is on April 27. The board was given a flyer with the details. Sandy Johnston asks that everyone RSVP if they will be attending.

Kelly Skovbjerg reminded everyone that on March 28 she will be presenting to the City Council on library happenings over the last six months. Anyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We are not sure if the city will present the library with the TMLDA Achievement in Library Excellence Award or will only hear the update from the library. Kelly will inform the board once she knows.

Ann Meyer asked about the library preparing some kind of information sheet that gives people some options for news outlets for those who are concerned about “fake news”. If not, it might be helpful to create something for our patrons.

Kelly Skovbjerg informed the board that in the facility use policy we have never allowed alcohol in the library. A non-profit group asked if the board might consider changing this rule. The board discussed and does not want to set a precedent of allowing a group to serve alcohol in the community room. It is up to the discretion of the library director to make exceptions to the policy; however, that would require that the group follow the policy set down for the library and any of its support groups. In exceptions, 2 officers would be required for up to 250 people if alcohol is served. This is what is also required at the amphitheater.

The next meeting will be April 13, 2017.

Respectfully submitted on March 14, 2017

Sandy Johnston