

Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Meeting of the Liberty Municipal Library Board

The April 27, 2023 meeting of the Liberty Municipal Library Board was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by President Tinya Griffin in the conference room of the library.

Members present: Sharon Brown, Bill Buchanan, Mychal English, Tinya Griffin, Farrah Harper, Sandy Pickett, Gloria Stratton and Stacy Sundgren. Also attending were Library Director Dana Abshier, Administrative Assistant Amber Ursprung, and Gary Sundgren.

Members absent: June Damek

The minutes of the February 23, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. Sandy Pickett made the motion to approve the minutes, and Bill Buchanan seconded. The motion was approved.

There were no public comments.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Stacy Sundgren, and Gloria Stratton made the motion to approve it. Farrah Harper seconded the motion, and the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Stacy gave the Friends of the Library report and said that the Friends' major fundraisers, the Jubilee Book Sale, the Bakeless Bake Sale and the membership drive had all been very successful with \$5,589.50 raised. Sandy Pickett announced that the Friends will host a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Friday, May 12 and all the board members are invited and encouraged to attend.

In the Librarian's Report, Dana gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting recent library happenings. The Jubilee Book Sale was well attended. Children's programs were highlighted and featured Children's Librarian Gail Williamson's Story Time program, the Easter egg hunt, and seven tours that were held for school children. Story Time continues to grow with very good attendance. Seven tours for LISD kindergarten and first graders had been held with over 300 students learning about the library. Gail led the tours and Amber and Thierry Langford Hammer assisted. Orbit, the mascot for the Houston Astros, will kick off the Summer Reading Program with a visit on June 8.

Dana also reported that Ann Rogers' adult computer classes have returned for the first time since the COVID pandemic, and she gave an update on the library construction project, which is finally winding down. She said there had been a problem with very small pieces of vegetative debris and small leaves coming in through an opening at the bottom of the skylights, but backer rod and caulking had been added to stop the infiltration.

Dana was very pleased to report that Amber had recently graduated from the Leadership East Texas program, a six-month-long program which was held in Cleveland. Amber learned leadership skills, networking, and how to work cooperatively to meet goals. A

luncheon/graduation ceremony honoring the graduates was held on April 18 and Amber's parents, Jerry and Linda Ursprung, and Dana attended with Amber.

In Unfinished Business the topic of updating the bylaws was discussed. According to the present bylaws, to institute any kind of change to said bylaws requires that the change be discussed at one meeting and approved at the next meeting. At the February 23, 2023 meeting, the membership had discussed the City of Liberty's attendance policy for people serving on city boards and commissions. The policy needed to be incorporated into the library board's bylaws, replacing the older attendance policy. Farrah made the motion to approve and adopt the city's attendance policy and Stacy Sundgren seconded. The motion was approved.

The board also agreed to officially change the Liberty Municipal Library Board Bylaws to reflect the current meeting time, which is 5 p.m. The official board meeting time was stated as 9 a.m. and the change to 5 p.m. had been discussed at the February 23, 2023 meeting. Sandy Pickett made the motion to change the bylaws so that the meeting time is 5 p.m., and Bill Buchanan seconded. The motion was approved.

There was no New Business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.