

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

October 15, 2024; 4:30 p.m.

Board Chair Stephanie Postma called the regular meeting of the Austin Public Library Board to order at 4:31 p.m., on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at the Austin Public Library.

PRESENT: Kristi Beckman, Melissa Bonorden, Jwokamer Debock, Sue Grove, Ted Hinchcliffe, Nitaya Jandragholica, Stephanie Postma

ALSO PRESENT: Julie Clinefelter

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Gema Alvarado-Guerrero, Valerie Sheedy

AGENDA: Nitaya Jandragholica moved to approve the agenda; Sue Grove seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ted Hinchcliffe, seconded by Jwokamer Debock, to approve the September 2024, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

EXPENSES AND FINANCE REPORTS:

A motion was made by Kristi Beckman to approve expenditures and accept the finance reports for July 2024. Sue Grove seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call vote.

SELCO REPORT: None.

CITY/COUNTY LIAISON REPORTS: None.

POLICY REVIEW:

Ted Hinchcliffe moved to approve the computer and Internet Use Policy without changes, seconded by Sue Grove. Motion carried.

Sue Grove moved to approve the checkout Policy without changes, seconded by Nitaya Jandragholica. Motion carried.

Kristi Beckman moved to approve the Fines & Fees Policy without changes, seconded by Jwokamer Debock. Motion carried.

OPERATIONAL REPORT:

Julie Clinefelter provided a written report prior to the board meeting, and discussed the following items:

Library Staff:

Julie reviewed the newly-implemented ARCI Matrix and how it was used in meetings with library staff.

Networking activities were reviewed including an event on September 28 at Riverland Community College, during the Mexican Consulate's visit to Austin, and an outreach event at the Hormel Foods Manufacturing Facility on September 25.

Library Programs:

Julie reviewed the program evaluation grid with the board and how it will help with programming planning. Science Saturday went well with 70 children and 50 families attending; in the future it will be communicated that the event is open-house style and people can come and go, as the same presentation is given every 15 minutes.

Approximately thirty books were given out at the Pride in Practice event on October 3. The library will hold a session to discuss the book, *Gender Explained*, in the future.

Administration:

An internet cable was mistakenly cut when the sprinkler system was being repaired. Metronet has since restored internet services.

The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) has been completed. Hot water heaters will be requested for 2025. Floral Club has some funds in their founders' fund and will discuss how to use this money to benefit the library.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Ted Hinchcliffe supported continued library programming to build LGBTQ+ awareness, noting it helps make the library a welcoming spot for everyone.

Kristi Beckman thanked the library for hosting the success coaches at a recent event. Several new staff were able to experience and learn about resources at the library.

ADJOURNMENT:

Kristi Beckman moved to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.; Sue Grove seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Bonorden, Library Board Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, November 12, 2024, 4:30 p.m.