

Mae S. Bruce Library Advisory Board Meeting
October 3, 2023 1:30 p.m.
Mae S. Bruce Library
13302 – 6th Street
Santa Fe, Texas

Roll Call – Present: Becky McClain: Director of Library Services
Barbara Winburn: Chair
Stormy Stanford: Vice-Chair
Jennifer Meier- Secretary
Stephanie Carter – Board Member
Sandra Bradley – Board Member

Minutes

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:37 p.m. by the chair, Barbara Winburn
- II. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2023 and July 10, 2023 Board Meetings:** A motion to approve the minutes as corrected from the January 3, 2023 meeting was made by Stephanie Carter and seconded by Sandra Bradley. A motion to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting was made by Stormy^{my} Stanford and seconded by Stephanie.
- III. Library Director's Report:** Director of Library Services, Becky McClain, distributed and discussed her monthly report. Becky noted Mae S. Bruce library gained 45 new members during September's "Library Card Month." The total collection value in September is at \$516,299.56 after performing an inventory and deleting 881 books. The library started 7 programs in September including a Jane Austin book club and a yoga class. Becky mentioned Abundant Life Church will be doing tutoring on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 4-5.

The strategic plan, parking lot, and many other items have been put on hold due to the budget. A gravel parking lot will be put on the side until a paved parking lot is in the budget. Becky mentioned the price of books has gone up with a regular fiction now at \$30 and large print at \$45. The price of books may increase once again if the Texas Supreme Court rules labels are required on library books.

The behavior of minors has significantly improved. Becky attributes this to many reasons including a policy requiring those 11 years old, and younger to be accompanied by an adult, as well as Santa Fe Junior High requiring DAP students to board the bus after school and Abundant Life providing tutoring programs.

An effort is being made to increase business partners for the library. Santa Fe will be gaining 2500 more homes and Becky hopes to build a partnership with builders, Realtors, and mortgage companies and hopes they will help distribute information to new homeowners to make them aware of the library and its services.

Becky announced Christmas in the Park on November 29 from 5-7 p.m. There are plans to provide 500 cookies, because the library ran out of cookies last year after giving out 250.

The LAB is proud to announce Santa Fe's Director of Library Services, Becky McClain, was recently named Community Builder of the Year by the Masons.

IV. Old Business and Possible Action:

A. Advisory Board Alternate Member Vacancy: Board members discussed potential applicants and ideas for informing potential applicants about the position.

V. New Business and Possible Action:

A. Chair Attestation of Board Meeting Minutes 01/06/21-07/10/23: Barbara and Becky attended a meeting with City Manager, Alun Thomas, and City Secretary, Natalie Arnett, to discuss regulations regarding Open Meetings. Barbara

presented a form designed for past attestation of minutes.
Jennifer Meier made a motion to approve prior board minutes
with the one-time attestation. Stephanie seconded the motion
and the board accepted with all ayes.

**B. Secretary and Chair Signatures on Future Board
Meeting Minutes**

**VI. Announcements; Request for Future Agenda Items;
Schedule Future Meetings:** The next meeting was scheduled
for January 8, 2023 at 10 am

VII. Adjournment: Barbara adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Jennifer Meier
Secretary, Library Advisory Board

Barbara Winburn
Chair, LAB
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