



Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board - Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Approved

Program Room A

104 South Wisteria, Mansfield, TX 17063

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Quinten at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Bobby Quinten, Debra Collins, Richard Ajenikoko, Kamaria Chisolm, Cindy Gray, and Leigh Ann Osburn

Board Members Absent:

Jandel Crutchfield

Library Staff Present:

Director of Library and Historical Services Yolanda Botello and Administrative Assistant Blacey Bailey

Citizen Present:

Vice President of the Friends of the Library Kathy Allen

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

A motion to approve the February 2025 minutes, as written, was made by Debra Collins and was seconded by Cindy Gray. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to address the Library Board on agenda items and items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Due to regulations to the Texas Open Meetings Act, please do not expect a response from the Board as they are not able to do so. **THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.** All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. In order to be recognized during "Citizen Comments" please complete a card located at the entrance and present it to Library Staff prior to the start of the meeting.

None

4. FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE

Kathy Allen provided an update on what has been happening with the Friends. There have been changes in membership and leadership due to several factors going back to the COVID pandemic. Currently, Kathy Allen is the vice president, Paula Highfill is the treasurer, and Jessica Williams is the media specialist. Jessica Williams has reworked the website and there will be a re-launch of meetings beginning on May 13th. The Friends have shifted their focus to

fundraising and are moving to quarterly meetings. Fundraising activities have included book sales from donated books, which raise about \$300.00 a month, and two book consignment organizations. There will be a "pop-up" book sale of adult fiction from May 23rd-May 24th. A "Book Shoppe" has been set up to sell a variety of items such as tee-shirts, tote bags, mugs, earrings, etc. These items have brought in about \$400.00 a month.

The Friends are currently looking for a person to fill the position of President.

There is a need for children's books for the front lobby book sale.

The Friends submitted an application for a grant from the Mansfield Woman's Club to be used for the Library's Summer Reading program.

5. DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

*Library General Update *Quarterly Report

Library General Update:

At a recent City Council meeting, the Library was recognized as a recipient of the 2024 Achievement of Library Excellence Award from TMLDA and for National Library Week, April 6th-12th. Council also gave consent for the updated consortium agreement with the Arlington and Kennedale Library systems.

Library staff participated in the City Pickle Parade and Music Alley events.

The Mansfield Reads Kickoff event was held at Market Street and the Reads Author event will be held at the Library on May 2nd. Mayor Evans will present the author with the key to the city during the event.

Kansas Terry, the new children's librarian, is getting the Summer Reading program organized. Several Library staff attended the annual TLA conference.

Quarterly Report:

The FY25 Second Quarter Report was reviewed. A two-year project of updating all the Library's computers to Windows 11 has been completed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

*5 Year Strategic Plan Update

A draft copy of the Strategic Plan was reviewed. Board members will be provided with a link to the document which will allow them to make comments about the plan's goals.

7. NEW BUSINESS

*Institute of Museum and Library Science

The Board was informed about how the Library might be impacted by the defunding of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Currently, funding of library staff will not be impacted, but it may have an impact on resources received from the State Library. Discussion was held about the option for other grant sources.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Appreciation was expressed for the work of the library staff and concern was expressed about the possible loss of valuable resources.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025.

9. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by President Bobby Quinten at 7:08 p.m.

Bobby Quinten, President

ATTEST:

_____ Jandel Crutchfield, Secretary