

Library Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018
Boyce Ditto Public Library
2300 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. St.
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Attending: Troy Stone (Chairman), Lance Howerton (City Manager), Darleen Garrett, King Hayes, Gerald Warfield, Coralee Beasley, Marilyn Rhodes, Jeri Calcote, Pam Felt and Library Manager Louanne Noel.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chairman Troy Stone. The minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved.

Lance Howerton (City Manager) introduced Louanne Noel as the new Library Manager. He said the royalty check from the Boyce Ditto Trust fund has not been received. The attorneys advised the trust may have some tax bills to pay before distributing the funds. He said he expects the funds to be used for non-operating expenses at the discretion of the library and the FOBDL with council approval. It will not be considered as part of the operating budget.

Chairman Troy Stone had no report, but welcomed Louanne and thanked everyone for showing up.

Troy said he was taking over the Archival and Digitization Committee since Janice Ellis has stepped down. They are working on an inventory list of items that have been scanned, designating which ones are posted on the Portal of Texas web site and which ones are not yet posted. They are staying in contact with the UNT officials at the Portal on the progress. Work is continuing on cleaning out the storage areas and there are more volunteers to help with more scans using the new scanner and computer. They are also looking into donating items after scanning so the library doesn't have to store them. He said Willie Casper's books on Fort Wolters were given to the Vietnam Museum and they will accept more items once their facility is built. He brought up five paintings donated to the library that are in storage and the board discussed what to do with them. He will contact the Kimball Museum in Fort Worth and local art collector Mac Shafer for input on their value and disposition.

Mary Alyce Buckner was not present to give a Friends of the Library report, but the group did allocate \$200 to Chasity for craft supplies in December.

The Library Manager's report recapped December events and outlined projects such as library policy updates in areas concerning circulation and collection of materials. She said she wants to implement an aggressive plan on improving the library's visibility and reputation in the community as well as all the services it provides. She will send board members a link to the Texas Public Library report on the economic benefits of investing in Texas libraries.

Troy reminded everyone about the Mineral Wells Heritage Association meeting @ 7 pm Thursday, January 11, at the Little Rock School House.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.