

Library Advisory Board Meeting  
Monday, November 8, 2021  
Boyce Ditto Public Library  
2300 SE MLK Jr. Street  
Mineral Wells, TX 76067

Attending: Coralee Beasley, Mary Alyce Buckner (BDPLFOL), Rachel Lively, Sherri Lee, Brian Nierman, Jeri Calcote, Dawna Martin, Judy Caldwell, Chairman Christiana Rodriguez-Lazo and Library Manager Louanne Noel-Post.

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 pm. Minutes from the November 10, 2020, meeting, which was the last board meeting held, were approved.

Judy Caldwell was introduced to the board. She gave an explanation of her complex, arduous seven-year quest as Boyce Ditto Library Trust Fund treasurer to dissolve the Fund and get the money for the library. The fund purchased the new electronic library sign, among other things, and is now held by the city for library use only. The librarian can purchase items under \$1,000 without board approval, but expenditures over that amount will be board approved.

After her presentation, Chairman Rodriguez-Lazo presented Caldwell with the gift of a Hummel figurine and collector's book as a small token of our appreciation for her work and accomplishment.

Ms. Noel-Post continued the meeting with a brief recap of her comprehensive manager's report covering the last year. After several staffing issues that left the library short-handed, she reported the library is now fully staffed, having just hired a new Children's library, Kathy Spencer, and a new library assistant, Lauren Florzak.

The library has a new self-service checkout station and has just received a \$20,000 grant for technology improvements.

The Weatherford Public Library, which is a member of the same consortium as our library, recently instituted a \$50 fee for non-city users. Ms. Noel-Post said this positions our library as a great value since our fee is only \$15 and Parker County users can utilize our library and its services as well.

Several new volunteers have stepped up to help recently and are listed in the report. One of their accomplishments has been to help box items in the back storage room to give staff more room to work. The report also lists a wrap-up of the summer reading program and comparison of statistics from last year and this year.

The chairman had no report. Mary Alyce Buckner said the Friends group has not met in two years and they need to set some new meeting dates to re-organize and plan a membership drive. They have enough books in storage to do two book sales. Like their page on Facebook for more details! Coralee Beasley said the book cart of used books in the library foyer has netted as much money as at least one book sale. The cart is stocked with hardback books available for a \$1 donation each and some people pay more.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.