

ALVIN LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

JULY 13, 2023

Members Present: Sandra Curtner, Jason Jones, Laura Parker

Members Absent: Marina Olson, Felicia Robbins

Guest: Dan Kelinske

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Sandra Curtner at 6:09 p.m.

Review and Approve Minutes of June 8, 2023, Meeting: Sandra Curtner motioned to approve the minutes and Jason Jones seconded the motion; motion passed.

Consider Proposal for Mural: Dan Kelinski, Director of Alvin Parks & Recreation Director, reported:

- Sunrise Rotary Club approved to fund the project
- Donations equal to the cost would be made to the City
- Artist Diego Reyes to draft a quote to submit with a copy of his work in a purchase order, which Dan will submit to the City
- Jason Jones moved and Laura Parker seconded the motion to move forward with the art mural for the teen library area; motion passed
- Jason Jones will contact Diego Reyes and Sunrise Rotary regarding the project

Report from Brazoria County Library System Director:

- Rachel Orozco, Assistant Library System Director, gave the report
- 7,289 people registered for the County's Summer reading challenge: over 6 million minutes were read
- Patrons saved \$1.9 million in June
- Libraries are set as cooling stations
- Jennifer Hill is the new Assistant Director of Library Support Services
- Carolynn Waites will be the new Alvin Librarian
- Ginny Koenig is moving to Manvel
- Natalie Newell is going to Freeport

Report from Alvin Library Branch

- Jennifer Hill reported her last day at Alvin Library is tomorrow
- Carolynn Waites will be coming from Manvel
- On June 1st City maintenance put together the new table for the teen area
- Sensource came on June 5 to move the door count sensor to the other side of the inner library doors, with the expectation that it will more accurately record the number of people using the building as it will count people who access the meeting room directly
- Reading Challenge: numbers are higher than last year at 448,000 minutes – 203 adults, 351 children, and 61 teens
- Programs hosted in June were:
 - Texas A&M Agrilife Extension teaching about chicken hatching and allowing children to interact with newly hatched chicks on June 6

- Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow on June 13
 - Texas Master Naturalists – Cradle of Texas Chapter on June 20
- Upcoming Events:
 - Summer Reading Challenge continues until July 31
 - Tote bag painting program for teens on July 11
 - Performance of “Science Heroes” by Talewise on July 18, with funding from the Brazoria County Library Foundation
 - Tuesday Night Readers will be reading Graeme Simsion’s *The Rosie Project* and will discuss on July 18
 - On August 1 at 7 p.m. the City will have a Town Hall to discuss potentially acquiring the YMCA building for the Parks Department Headquarters
 - Hispanic Heritage Fiesta program with Brazoria County Museum will be September 9 from 10-2
- Next Meeting:
 - The next Library Board meeting will be September 7 at 6 p.m.
- Adjournment:
 - The meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Parker, Secretary