

Grand Saline Public Library Advisory Board Minutes

210 NE Pacific Street

Wednesday, February 5, 2024

Attendees: Brandi Simpson, Sam Pugh, Bob Gray, Barbara Garland, Tisha Conatser Claudia Bell, Blair Currey

Meeting called to order: Sam called meeting to order at 11:38. Quorum is present.

Approval of minutes from last meeting: Claudia motion to approve Barbara 2nd motion carries by all.

Public Participation:

Brandis Librarian Report: see attached

Considering the library was closed for four days this month, two holidays and 2 bad weather days, library attendance was still good. Blair asked how the friends could help support the Barbie and Lego programs. Brandi said the house was donated and most of the Barbie items were paid for by library volunteers and staff. She will ask the friends to help get more Barbies and items for lego day.

Friends of the Library Update

The Friends had their membership luncheon on January 23rd here in the civic area. It was not as attended as anticipated although it was a great success. The friends will be meeting quarterly and do some things through email. Blair handed out membership forms to the advisors and gave a brief description. Family membership fees are \$25, and business fees are \$50. The friends will be handing out cookies to current business members. They have approximately 70 active members, those who have paid membership fees, and are going to be mailing out 170 letters for this year's drive. They are currently trying to get more volunteers to help with friends' events. For February the friends are doing Blind dates with a book at the library to promote people coming into the library and getting a free book. Hopefully these books will return to the library as a donation to add to the collection. Blair recapped the press release sent to the Grand Saline Sun and Van Zandt news. The friends Spent \$8000.00 for the library and programming. Claudia asked questions about the budget that was presented and what the money was spent on. Sam asked where the money came from and asked about the original source of funding, particularly the Wendy Matthews estate. Though the legality of the funds was never brought into question. Blair asked Brandi to provide a letter documenting that money from the Terry Trust and the Estate of Wendy Matthews were originally left to the Grand Saline Public Library, to clear up any misunderstandings. Brandi would like to speak with the City before complying with this request.

Discuss/ Take action on the following items:

- A. Review /update long Range Plan Claudia Motion to table this item for our next meeting
Tisha 2nd motion carries

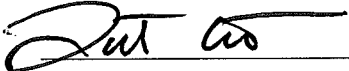
Board Comments/ Future agenda Items:

Sam would like to discuss The Frank Churchwell Memorial

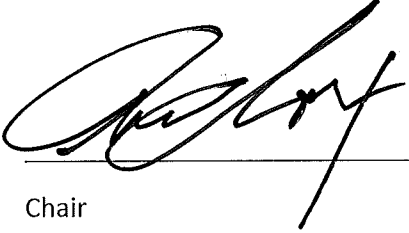
Adjourn Claudia makes a motion to adjourn the meeting Barbara 2nd motion carried by all. meeting adjourns at 12:45 pm.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Tisha Conatser



Secretary



Chair