

Grand Saline Public Library Advisory Board Minutes

210 NE Pacific Street

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Attendees: Brandi Simpson, Bob Gray, Barbara Garland, Tisha Conatser Claudia Bell, Vickie Dunlap, David Cox

Meeting called to order: David called meeting to order at 11:34. Quorum is present.

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

Public Participation:

Brandis Librarian Report: see attached

We had 1 outreach program in February that was a great success. Children and families made Valentines for the area Nursing homes and assisted living centers then hand delivered them. There were 186 total Valentines made and given out! Brandi is also going to try and get a new book club going as well. Weve tried numerous times in the past, but people do not show up. Other libraries have had better luck doing more romance things in the day and thriller in the evening. It's a possibility to do a silent book club for teens to get them more involved at the library. Brandi will be doing a creative writing workshop during Spring break for poetry and short stories. The Friends will be holding a competition for this workshop and handing out prizes during the Salt Festival.

Friends of the Library Update

Blair has resigned from the Friends executive board. She will no longer be our liaison. She forwarded our meeting date and time to the executive board members. No one came to the meeting today. Catrennia reached out to Brandi about how the friends can help with Barbie and lego programming. Brandi made an Amazon wish list the Friends purchased all the items on the list and additional items as well. Catrennia asked how the friends could help with the new ballet program as well. The friends will be hosting a Paint a flowerpot Program this spring, May 3rd, and will be providing all the materials necessary.

Discuss/ Take action on the following items:

A. New Program: Ballet Storytime

Brandi is working on a new outreach program called Ballet Storytime. It will be geared toward preschool age children to help promote self-confidence, artistic expression and physical exercise. This will be Brandi's first-time teaching dance to children. Beverly is looking at our insurance and the city attorney is making a waiver for the program, so we are waiting for this before making a start date. Brandi's husband Scott is building the Ballet bars. The most expensive part will be the mirrors needed. She is looking into the most cost-effective route.

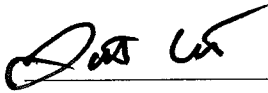
- B. Review /update long Range Plane: see attached Barbara motion to approve Tisha 2nd motion carries
- C. Frank Churchwell Little Free Library
The little library is in the process of being repainted with a smoother texture. It will be placed at the front of the library where the bird bath currently is. His daughter said we do not need to do a big event for dedication.

Board Comments/ Future agenda Items:

Adjourn Tisha makes a motion to adjourn the meeting Vickie 2nd motion carried by all. meeting adjourns at 12:41 pm.

Next meeting date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Tisha Conatser



Secretary



Chair