

I. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Roll was called; board members present: Regina Reed, Mike Estus, Dora Ramirez, Giselle Fernandez, and Carol Junco. Also present was Librarian Desmond London and City Council Liaison Herb Dyer. Carol read an email sent by David Sutton to City Secretary Debra Howe officially resigning his membership on the Library Advisory Board.

III. Review and Approval of LAB Minutes

Minutes of the December meeting had been emailed to all members. With no additions or corrections, a motion to approve was made by Dora and seconded by Mike. The minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. Citizen's Comments

There were no citizen's comments.

V. Librarian Report

Desmond reported on recent activities at the Library:

- City Council has approved a change in Library hours (12:00 to 8:00 on Thursdays), beginning in February. Desmond is working on a flyer that will be distributed at all local schools and posted around the city.
- Continuing Fall Programs include Great Courses, Morning and Evening Book Clubs, Story Time every Wednesday morning, and Young People's clubs.

Desmond reported a total of 19 new accounts: 11 in-city adults; 6 in-county adults; 2 in-county children. A total of 1478 items were checked out during December.

VI. Friends of the Library Report

- Carol reported that plans are underway for several spring activities sponsored by the Friends, including our annual Love Your Library open house and silent auction, and a Texas History Month presentation by a local historian during March.

VII. Old Business

A. Desmond is continuing to work on ways to improve youth services and programs (it has been stalled because of his surgery and recovery time). A lively discussion ensued, with contributions from all members:

- Regina suggested that we organize and promote a game night, using board games and other interactive activities that don't focus on technology.
- Giselle said that many teens would benefit from help with college applications and financial guidance. Mr. Dyer suggested that we organize a series of "life skills" classes/workshops; possible topics could include how to obtain credit, making and managing a budget, family genealogy, the voting process (especially since there will be an election this spring), and immigration and border security. At the end of discussion, we agreed to think about the topics suggested and create a prioritized list to work on.

B. Library Hours: Desmond reported results in his report.

- C. Long-range planning and future improvements (Community needs; Equipment; Facilities):
Regina requested that we print out the report from MVISD submitted by Mike Estus; this will serve as a discussion guide as we look at the expected increase in population over the next 5-8 years. Desmond will request a meeting or workshop with City Council to ensure that the Board's vision meshes with that of the City.
- D. Upcoming Library Celebrations and Promotional Events in 2019:
 - 1. "Love Your Library" Open House and Silent Auction: set for Tuesday, February 21st
 - 2. Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's Birthday (March 1st & 2nd): still in planning stages
 - 3. Teen Tech Week (March 3rd-9th): Regina will talk with Microsoft to discuss their willingness to make a presentation; this would also be a good time to introduce the recently purchased Virtual Reality glasses and 3-D printer.
- E. Library Collaborations: Mike will continue to keep us informed of the committee's discussions as MVISD moves ahead with its 8-year plan (which includes a new high school in the vicinity of Hwy. 211).

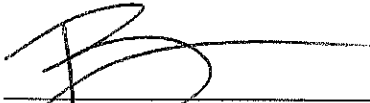
VIII. Items for Future Agenda

- A. Meeting/workshop with City Council for long-range planning
- B. Continued discussion of topics for life skills series (intended for high school/college-age young adults)
- C. Update on February and March events


IX. Adjourn

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 13, at 6:30 p.m. With no further business, Giselle made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

We certify this is a true and correct record of the meeting proceedings on 1/9/19.



Regina Reed, President



Carol Junco, Secretary