

Blanco County South Library District

Board of Trustees Meeting

Blanco Library Conference Room

Tuesday, January 12, 2021

9:30 A.M.

Call to Order at 9:32a.m.

Meeting was called to order at 9:32a.m. Attendees were Nancy Cline, Jim Dyer, Mark Gentry, Crystal Spybuck, Brian Fields, Charlie Barr & Andrea Whitesides. Jackie Hellinger arrived later.

Public Comments – Nancy read a “Thank you” note from Crystal.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the December 2020 minutes.

Unfinished Business:

1. Re opening of the Library – Crystal and Brian – Since the COVID 19 virus is still on the rise, the schedule of the library will remain the same. If conditions worsen, we will revisit the schedule.
2. Revision of policy on collection development – Tabled
3. Quotes for front desk remodel – Crystal presented a design of the front desk area to the Board and asked for input from us. After discussion, Crystal will now contact contractors for bids.
4. Revisit library “wish list”- After discussion, a motion was made to approve \$2,500 for the E-books for Advantage account. The motion was seconded and passed. A second motion was made to increase the Collection Development budget by \$2,500. The motion was seconded and passed. The third motion made was to purchase a solid, one-sided book cart. The motion was seconded and passed.
5. Repair of asphalt in parking lot – The repair was completed shortly after our December 8, 2020 meeting.

New Business

1. Discussion regarding Covid-19 vaccine and staff/volunteers – We will highly encourage staff and volunteers to receive the vaccine.
2. Mask policy for children visiting the library – According to the CDC, anyone 2 years and older are to wear masks indoors. We will put up new signage to indicate this regulation.
3. Request for District to pay for subscriptions, including BookPage – Crystal requested that the District pay for the yearly subscriptions for the library since these now are being taken out of the \$1,100 per month we receive from Blanco Library, Inc. to purchase books, movies and audio books. A motion was made to pay the BookPage subscription for \$354 since it was due. The motion was seconded and passed. The Board requested Crystal incorporate the cost of subscriptions in the upcoming budget proposal.
4. Additional Board member to sign checks – After a short discussion, Mark Gentry has been designated to be a signatory for the Blanco Library.
5. Budget for Texas Book Festival reading program via Engaged Patrons.org – Brian requested a \$500 budget for prizes for those patrons who read 2 or 3 books and write reviews of the book.

6. Friends of the Library Report – Charlie Barr – Still receiving membership drive money. Brainstorming on “safe” fundraisers. Jorge Lane brought the idea of an online auction to the board to raise funds. Also looking for anyone interested in being a Board member. Next meeting will be January. 14, 2021.
7. Blanco Library, Inc. Report – Pat Clewell – A CD for \$100,000 came due right after Christmas. Texas Regional Bank's interest rate was .50% for this CD. There are 3 Board positions open, Vice-president, Secretary, and Loan Officer. Next meeting will be January 21, 2021.
8. Budget and Financial Report – Nancy Cline – The budget looks good, cannot predict what future holds.
9. Financial Report – Jackie Hellinger – A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay December 2020 bills.
10. Deputy Library Director's Report – Brian Fields – Please see attached report
11. Library Director's Report – Crystal Spybuck – Please see attached report –

Announcements:

1. Next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 9:30a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Whitesides, Secretary, BCSLD