

Library Board Minutes October 17, 2007

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STATE OF TEXAS            ☺

COUNTY OF TARRANT       ☺

CITY OF BEDFORD           ☺

The Library Board of the City of Bedford, Texas, met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Library, 1805 L. Don Dodson Drive, on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2007 to review items on the regular agenda and hear staff reports, with the following members present constituting a quorum:

Ralph Chaney, Chairperson  
Judy Jones, Secretary  
Linda Jordan  
Ed Patterson  
Scott Probasco

**Absent:**

Josh Santillan, Vice-chairperson  
Brigitte Gimenez

**Also Present:**

Maria Redburn, Library Manager  
Charles Orean, City Council Liaison

**Guests:**

dona weisman  
Karen Kersey  
Stuart Yarus  
Patt Dreyer  
Chris Brown

(The following items were considered in accordance with the official agenda posted on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007)

**CALL TO ORDER / GENERAL COMMENTS**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. The minutes from the September 19, 2007 regular meeting were unanimously APPROVED.

**NEW BUSINESS**

2. Library 2.0 Presentation & BPL Services DISCUSSION/ACTION

Carolyn Davidson, Assistant Director/NTRLS will present an overview of Library 2.0

Carolyn Davidson presented an overview of Library 2.0. Library 2.0 is user centered, provides a multimedia experience and is socially rich. Library 2.0 is defined as including the application of Web 2.0 technologies and tools for libraries. Barbara Johnson demonstrated the various ways we could access blogs, wikis, social networking, Mashups, Folksonomies and Tagging on the Internet.

MOTION: BPL would implement a blog on a test bases as Library staff sees fit and the Library Advisory Board would review progress of the blog in December. The motion passed unanimously.

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3. By-laws DISCUSSION/ACTION

Board members reviewed the Bedford City Council Rules and Order of Procedures.

MOTION: To adopt the City of Bedford's Rules and Order of Procedures. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Lone Star Library Grant Action Plan 2008 DISCUSSION/ACTION

After reviewing, a motion was made.

MOTION: To approve the Lone Star Action Plan for BPL. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Fee Schedule DISCUSSION/ACTION

After discussion, a motion was made.

MOTION: To accept the fee schedule with the following changes:  
Fax – 5 pages – no charge / \$1.00 each additional page.  
Notary fee of \$5.00  
Meeting room charges and fax fees to be approved by City Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Cancel November Library Board meeting DISCUSSION/ACTION

Meeting date is on Thanksgiving Eve

MOTION: To cancel the November 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

7. New Library UPDATE ONLY

The City of Bedford purchased the former Food Lion building on October 15, 2007. The RGQ for Architectural Design Services has been sent to twelve firms based on recommendations from other cities. Bids are due on Wednesday, November 14, 2007 by 2:00 p.m. There will be a selection team to interview the top firms. The selection team will need two Library Advisory Board members to serve on the team. Once the architect is selected, a resolution will be taken to the City Council to authorize the City Manager to enter into a contract.

**BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Chairperson Chaney thanked Board Member Jordan for forwarding an article from the Chronicle of Higher Education on October 19, 2007 entitled Young Librarians, Talkin' 'Bout their Generation.

**LIBRARY MANAGER REPORT**

End of year statistics:

- Circulated 33.74% more materials
- Library cards – 33.85% increase
- Library web site generated 123,671 more hits
- Staff answered 27,723 more questions
- Computer usage – 30,425 public access hours
- Wireless users – 2,000
- Library offered 655 programs with 11,429 people attending

The Circulation department is fully staffed with the addition of Donna Carman and Sheila Rolfe.

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Thank you to the Friends of the BPL for matching dollars to allow the Library to purchase a 42" plasma screen TV and a 4-year performance guarantee. This will allow BPL to promote Library and City programs. The screen is located behind the Circulation desk.

Spanish classes: Volunteer, Bianca Zayas, is offering free Basic Spanish classes Wednesday mornings from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Thirty five people attended the second class. A Wednesday evening class will begin in January 2008.

Living with Low Vision Fair: 100 people attended the fair. Twelve organizations demonstrated resources available for low vision and blind individuals. The assistive technology area was popular. It allowed people to view and try various resources before purchasing.

Upcoming Events

Friends of the Library Party and Membership Drive: Sunday, October 28, 2 – 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the soon to be new Library building. Included in this event was musical entertainment, a balloon artist, face painting and a bounce house.

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**

None

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Patt Dreyer expressed her satisfaction and appreciation to the Library staff. She said BPL is meeting her needs as a citizen and a person with low vision needs.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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**Judy Jones, Secretary**  
**Bedford Public Library Advisory Board**