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**MEETING MINUTES
TRAPHENE HICKMAN LIBRARY BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Present:

Lee Ruth Bryant, Dr. Deborah Cawthon, Elaine Cook, Cheryl Gee, Rebeca Guevara, Jacquelyn Moore, Mary Sadousky, and Darien Shelton.

Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Absent:

Christine Benson, Dennis Brock, Philip Edwards, Nedin Glover, JR Hickman, Jazmine James, Joyce Kinney, and Jenny Martinez.

City Staff Present:

Traphene Hickman Library Director, Aranda Bell, and Board Liaison, Rachel Burke.

Others present:

Cedar Hill resident, Lindsey Tashman, 1513 Sharon Drive, Cedar Hill TX.

Cedar Hill resident, Alejandra Babuena, 924 Bray Street, Cedar Hill TX.

Friends President, Beverly Powell.

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

Library President, Mary Sadousky, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

II. Citizen Forum:

The board welcomed Beverly Powell, President of the Friends of the Cedar Hill Library, to the meeting. Ms. Powell thanked the Board. The board acknowledged Lindsey Tashman. Ms. Tashman shared that she is a member of the library's Romance Book Club, and she comes to as many adult programs as she can. She also expressed how connected she feels at the library and wanted to thank the staff and the board for their efforts. The Board acknowledged Alejandra Babuena. Ms. Babuena shared that she is also a member of the Romance Book Club. She stated that she has been coming to the library ever since she was a young child, and she is so happy to see such an increase in young adult programs. Ms. Babuena feels that the Traphene Hickman Library is bringing young adults from Dallas back to Cedar Hill.

III. Approval of Minutes for February Meeting:

Elaine Cook made the motion to approve minutes from March's meeting, with the amendment that the date be corrected, and that the word "year" be added to the second paragraph of the Friends' Report. Rebeca Guevara seconded the motion, and the motion was carried unanimously.



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IV. Receive Update on Premier Library, Signature Park, and Trail Project:

- Library Director, Aranda Bell thanked the board members for all of their support through the planning and building of the new library, and also for acting as ambassadors to the library.
- Ms. Bell announced that the entire library hoped for 100 volunteers for the grand opening and were able to obtain over 130. The staff are very excited to open to the community for the first time. Please plan on attending and taking photos.
- Ms. Bell reminded the board the Rachel is now the Creative Events Coordinator, Samuel has been a part of the team for 5 months as an Event Attendant, and we've just now hired Christian Alcorn as our third member of the events team. The events team will be at the grand opening to share information on our new event space.
- Ms. Bell informed the board that in addition to Christian, the library has hired Rowan Rutherford as our Tween Assistant and Silvia Gonzalez as one of our two custodians.
- Ms. Bell announced that an employee appreciation week is coming soon. The Friends were gracious enough to sponsor the team's drinks and snacks for the opening week, and it is very much appreciated.

V. Advisory Board Topics

- With the grand opening happening on Saturday, Ms. Bell asked that the board all wear the light blue "Library in a Park" t-shirts so that we can take a photograph in front of the ribbon cutting.

VI. Friends Report:

- Friends President, Beverly Powell, announced that Amy Sue Bosway has stepped down from the position of treasurer due to health concerns. John Vernon has taken her place.
- Ms. Powell shared that in 2023, the friends have raised \$31,000 in total and given the library \$23,000.
- Ms. Powell also shared the marketing material for their grand opening booth. They will be selling raffle tickets for the commemorative library quilt. Tickets are \$10 each, \$25 for 3 tickets.

VII. Adjourn:

Mary Sadousky made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45pm.

Mary Sadousky, Traphene Hickman Library President:

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2024

Rachel Burke, Traphene Hickman Library Creative Events Coordinator

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2024



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Board Member	Term Expiry	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
Benson, Christine	2024	A	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	A		
Brock, Dennis	2025	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	A	A	A		
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2025	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Cawthon, Dr. Deborah	2024	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Cook, Elaine	2025	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Edwards, Philip (EO)	2024	P	P	A	-	P	-	-	P	P	A		
Gee, Cheryl (EO)	2024	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Glover, Nedin (EO)	2024	P	P	A	-	P	-	-	P	P	A		
Guevara, Rebecca (EO)	2024	P	P	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Hickman, JR (EO)	2024	A	A	A	-	A	-	-	A	A	A		
James, Jazmine	2024	P	A	A	-	A	-	-	A	A	A		
Kinney, Joyce	2024	A	A	P	-	P	-	-	P	P	A		
Martinez, Jenny (EO)	2024	P	P	P	-	A	-	-	P	P	A		
Moore, Jacquelyn	2024	P	A	P	-	P	-	-	P	A	P		
Sadousky, Mary	2025	A	P	A	-	P	-	-	P	P	P		
Shelton, Darien	2024	A	P	A	-	A	-	-	P	P	P		