

**MEETING OF THE
ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
MINUTES
February 25, 2021
6:00pm via Zoom**

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library Board met on Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Library Board Members Present: President Christine Benson, Vice-President Mary Sadousky, Dennis Brock, Lee Ruth Bryant, Elaine Cook, Jazmine James, Jackie Moore, and ex officio members: Kenneth Prettol

Library Board Members Absent: Gabrielle Brewer, Traphene Hickman, Mary White, and ex officio members: Lisa Cerovsky

Library Staff Present: Director of Library Services Aranda Bell, Library Executive Secretary Correne Constantino

I. Call the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Christine Benson at 6:09 p.m.

II. Approval of January 2021 Library Board Minutes

Lee Ruth Bryant made a motion to accept the minutes for the January 2021 meeting. Elaine Cook seconded the motion. All approved.

III. Library in a Park Bond Project Update

No new information, however, there is work continuing behind the scenes in regards to the design process. Information will be coming in the form of a presentation at an upcoming City Council meeting. The Citizen's Design Committee will be meeting again soon.

Jackie Moore inquired about the new library design and its roof in regards to the snow and weather. She has requested that Ms. Bell ask the architects about how the roof will stand up to snow and freezing temperatures.

V. Operations Update

Ms. Aranda Bell, Library Director, shared that the library is continuing to follow COVID protocols and policies such as temperature checks for staff, social distancing, etc. There still staff members working remotely for portions of their shifts. The library has bumped up its technology so that all staff members have what they need to work from home, as needed.

Ms. Bell reminded the board of the upcoming interlocal agreement and shared partnership of the Best Southwest cities. There will be a partnership: One Card, One Community coming this spring. It will reunite all libraries (Lancaster, Desoto, Duncanville, and Cedar Hill) catalogs and allow books to be shared amongst all patrons.

VI. Winter Weather

The Zula B Wylie Public Library was transformed into a Warming Shelter last week during the winter storm. The entire city came together to serve the community. The library shelter was open 24/7 from Monday at 5:00pm through Friday at 5:00pm.

Also, staff members who were stuck at home, made calls to Senior Citizens to check on them during the storm and power outages.

A thank you was given to our board members for their support, well wishes, cards, texts, and offerings to help! The ZBW Library was the only library in the best southwest area to be used as a warming shelter. The board was reminded and encouraged with the fact that our staff and city staff truly demonstrate servant leadership!

Ms. Benson spoke from the heart and on behalf of her family in thanking the library. Elaine Cook inquired about how many people were served during the week. Ms. Bell estimated around 108 (at last count). Mary Sadousky asked if we were back to offering library services. Aranda shared that the library closed on Saturday for a deep clean and the staff was back to serving the community as a library on Monday morning.

VII. Officer Update

Ms. Christine Benson announced her decision to resign as Library Board President. She will still be a part of the Library board. Many board members shared their thanks for her time and dedication during the time of her presidency. All are glad she will remain on the board.

VIII. Friends Report

Friends President, Elaine Cook shared that the Friends would be meeting later during the evening. She did have a new budget report to share. Current balance: \$23,879.

Elections for the Friends will be in April/May -after the bylaws have been updated.

VIII. Adjourn

Ms. Benson called for a motion to adjourn at 6:50pm. Elaine Cook gave a motion. Jazmine James seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Correne Constantino, Executive Library Secretary

Christine Benson, Library Board President

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2020-2021 BOARD ATTENDANCE

Member		AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
	Term Expires												
Benson, Christine	2022	P	P	P	P		A	P					
Brewer, Gabrielle	2022	A	P	P	P		A	A					
Brock, Dennis	2021	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2021	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Cook, Elaine	2021	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Hickman, Traphene	2022	P	A	A	A		P	A					
Moore, Jackie	2022	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Sadousky, Mary	2021	P	P	P	P		A	P					
White, Mary	2022	P	P	P	P		P	A					
James, Jazmine	2022	P	P	P	P		P	P					
Cerovsky, Lisa (ex officio)	2021	P	P	P	P		A	A					
Prettol, Kenneth (ex officio)	2021	P	A	P	P		P	P					