

**MEETING OF THE  
ZULA B. WYLIE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020  
6:00pm**

The Zula B. Wylie Public Library Board met Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Library Board Members Present:** President Christine Benson, Vice-President Mary Sadousky, Gabrielle Brewer, Dennis Brock, Lee Ruth Bryant, Elaine Cook, Traphene Hickman, Jazmine James, Jackie Moore, Mary White, and ex officio member: Lisa Cerovsky

**Library Board Members Absent:** Traphene Hickman and ex officio member: Kenneth Prettol

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

**I. Call the meeting to order.**

The meeting was called to order by President Christine Benson at 6:03 p.m.

**II. Approve minutes from July 2020 meeting and August 2020 joint meeting.**

Minutes July 2020 Meeting:

Elaine Cook moved to accept minutes with a second by Lee Bryant. All approved the motion.

Minutes August 2020 Joint Meeting:

Mary Sadousky moved to accept minutes with a second by Elaine Cook. All approved the motion.

**III. Received update on library – COVID 19 Procedures**

Ms. Aranda Bell reminded the board of current Library operations and the current "Express" services that are available to the community. The library has a consistent 70-100 people per day coming to use computers, check out books, fax or make copies.

Ms. Bell shared that during the month of October more services would be added such as, a chair being placed at each table for study/work availability (with a 1 hour limit). Also, a possibility of additional hours/Saturdays being open to the public. In-person programming will remain virtual until further notice.

Mary Sadousky wanted to thank the library for having computers open to the public, as she needed to use one herself last week.

#### **IV. Library in a Park Bond Project Community Engagement**

Ms. Bell began by thanking everyone for their engagement and leadership thus far with regards to our Library in a Park Bond Project and community engagement. She shared the original plan and how things have changed since COVID-19 has happened. These pivots have caused us to need to collect broad public input in a new way. Feel Good Friday and Community Fun Day are being used to gather input. During these events the community is invited to come share their voice and be heard regarding what is important to them.

October 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday 8-5:00) is Community Fun Day. The board is invited to sign up for a volunteer time slot. Ms. Bell encouraged all of our board members to sign up, as there will be two locations (the Library and the Rec Center) for this event and many people will be needed to help make it a success.

Elaine Cook asked a question for clarification for the budget for these events. Ms. Bell responded that the funding will come from our budget, as well as Parks and Rec, Administration, and more.

The survey that will be handed out at these events is also available online at [www.letstalkcedarhill.com](http://www.letstalkcedarhill.com) and there is a QR code that is posted in many places around the city. All were encouraged to fill out the survey and help share it with the community.

#### **V. Upcoming Services, Programs, Events**

During the month of September, the library has been celebrating National Library Card Sign-up month in many ways. During the month of September, the Home Delivery Service (HDS) also began for those in our community who are homebound. Our first Feel Good Friday events have been a success. Aranda thanked those who volunteered during the month of September, including Ms. Benson, Ms. Brewer, and Ms. Sadousky.

Ms. Bell highlighted a number of upcoming programs, such as Conversation with Sandra Cisneros, in celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, on Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm; virtual.

Scare in the Park will also be happening in a “new” way this year. October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-8:00pm as a “Drive Thru” at Valley Ridge Park.

Ms. Christine Benson, our board president, asked a follow-up question regarding HDS and how far the library will travel to deliver books. Ms. Bell clarified that it is only available to Cedar Hill residents.

**VI. Library Friends Report**

Elaine Cook thanked everyone for spreading the word regarding North Texas Giving Day. She also thanked Jackie Moore for handwriting thank you notes to each of the donors. Jackie Moore reported that the Friends of the Library received \$7,511.87 in donations for North Texas Giving Day. That is half of what they had asked for.

**VII. Adjourn**

Jackie Moore moved to adjourn at 6:58pm. Lee Ruth seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Correne Constantino, Executive Library Secretary

  
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Christine Benson, Library Board President

