

**MEETING MINUTES
ZULA B WYLIE LIBRARY BOARD
THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Present:

Christine Benson, Ruth Lee Bryant, Dr. Deborah Cawthon, Elaine Cook, Rebecca Guevara, Joyce Kinney, Jackie Moore, Kenneth Prettol, President Mary Sadousky,

Zula B Wylie Library Board Members Absent:

Dennis Brock, Nikki Cullors, Traphene Hickman, Jazmine James, Mary White.

City Staff Present:

Zula B Wylie Library Director Aranda Bell; Parks & Executive Secretary to the Library Rachel Burke

Others present:

I. Call the Meeting to Order:

Mary Sadousky called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

II. Citizen Forum:

III. Approval of Minutes for November Meeting:

Mary Sadousky made the first motion to approve minutes with the correction that Joyce Kinney was in attendance. Rebecca Guevara seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Library Director, Aranda Bell, gave an update to the board concerning the upcoming groundbreaking. The event will be on Saturday, July 9th and the theme is "Building our Future". Ms. Bell envisions the board members as the first point of engagement as guests walk into the event. The library will be reaching out soon to ask for volunteers.

Dr. Cawthon asked what happened to the "Let's Talk Cedar Hill" signs; can we reuse them for this event? Ms. Bell stated that she was unsure where the signs were but she would reach out to city staff and find out.

Jackie Moore suggested the city hang up a banner over Uptown Blvd, similar to what the city does for Holiday on the Hill.

Elaine Cook asked if we would all have matching shirts, or could we all agree to wear the same thing. Ms. Bell expressed that this was a good idea, shirts would be discussed with the groundbreaking committee and that we would need to order new nametags for the board. Executive Secretary, Rachel Burke, will order nametags.

Mrs. Moore asked if the Cedar Hill Museum of History would be at the groundbreaking as well. Ms. Bell stated that the groundbreaking committee did not have a table for the museum yet; she is unsure if they would be participating. However, the committee can reach out to the museum board president and invite them.

Ms. Bell informed the Board regarding marketing the event, there are many different ways the city is reaching out to its citizens: social media posts, paper tents at local businesses with a QR code, flyers, Let's Talk Cedar Hill, etc. Ms. Bell asked that the Board spread the word of this event as much as possible.

V. Operations Update:

- **Staffing:** Ms. Bell informed the Board that a new part-time LSR was hired: Diana Florenzano. Diana comes from the Animal Shelter, is bilingual, and has already volunteered for upcoming events.
- **TLA:** Ms. Bell expressed to the Board how well the TLA Conference went for the library staff. Almost the entire staff was able to participate; there were not as many people in attendance as previous years but the content was just as valuable. Cedar Hill was featured along with Pearland and Round Rock for their innovative new libraries.
- **City Council:** on April 12, council recognized the library. National Library week was announced, the TMLDA Award of Excellence was presented to us by Award Chair Libby Holtmann, as was our sponsorship check from the Friends of the Library. Ms. Bell thanked Dr. Cawthon for bringing cookies for the library staff and council. She also mentioned that the city might issue a press release highlighting the library's achievement of winning the Excellence Award 16 years in a row.
- **Programs:** the library has several events coming up in addition to groundbreaking. Youth Services is participating in the Teen Expo happening this weekend, Neighborhood Walk in the Somerset area, Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the library, Children's Book Week, Pool Groundbreaking.
- **Waste Management Scholarship:** Ms. Burke shared that we only had a handful of applicants this year, but the library will still need volunteers for the committee to read and award the scholarships. Elaine Cook, Jackie Moore, and Mary Sadousky volunteered. The Board discussed why applications may have been so low, also discussed the possibility having a program at the library to mentor high school students on how to navigate scholarships, possibly even a separate program for their parents. The Board also discussed having an event to help students write the essay needed for the Waste Management scholarship in particular. Aranda Bell also mentioned that Brainfuse is currently available to students and adults: online tutoring and mentoring, job resources and help, etc.

VI. Friends Report:



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Elaine Cook shared with the board that their last two events went very well (city council and fundraising event). The friends should have their by-laws fixed by next month, voted on in June, and ready for an election in the fall.

May 11 – Library Staff Appreciation Event at Saviana Winery, a “plus-one” is allowed, the friends will buy some appetizers for the guests and Dr Cawthon is making a dessert. Ms. Burke will email Elaine with a final headcount by the Friday before the event.

VII. Adjourn:

Mary Sadousky adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Mary Sadousky, Zula B. Wylie Library President:

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2022

Rachel Burke, Zula B. Wylie Library Executive Secretary

Signature: _____ Date: _____ 2022

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2021-2022 BOARD ATTENDANCE													
Member		AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
	Term Expires												
Benson, Christine	2022	P	A	P	P				P	A			
Brock, Dennis	2023	P	P	P	A				A	A			
Bryant, Lee Ruth	2023	P	P	P	P				P	P			
Cook, Elaine	2023	P	A	P	P				P	P			
Hickman, Traphene	2022	P	P	A	P				P	A			

Moore, Jackie	2022	A	P	P	P				P	P			
Sadousky, Mary	2023	P	P	P	P				P	P			
White, Mary	2022	A	A	A	P				A	A			
James, Jazmine	2022	P	P	P	A				P	A			
Prettol, Kenneth (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				A	P			
Dr. Cawthon, Deborah (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P			
Guevara, Rebecca (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P			
Kinney, Joyce (ex officio)	2022	P	P	P	P				P	P			
Cullors, Nikki (ex officio)	2022	P	A	P	A				A	A			