



Official Minutes of the Rowlett Public Library Advisory Board

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Rowlett Public Library

5702 Rowlett Road, Rowlett, TX 75089

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1. Meeting called to order by Chair Jerry Hickman at 6:30 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Jerry Hickman, Tana Daniels, Deborah Smith, and Vicki Stallcup-Causey*
 - *Members absent: Bill Schwab and Anja Vukich*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services*
 2. Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary.
 - *N/A*
 3. Consider approving the minutes from the regular meeting held February 9, 2017.
 - *Motion made by Tana D. to accept the February 9, 2017 meeting minutes as written; motion seconded by Deborah S.*
 - *Approved 4-0.*
 4. Director's Report.
 - *Review of March and April 2017 program calendars*
 - *Upcoming March events include Spring Break activities*
 - *Upcoming April events include April Fools event, Keep Rowlett Beautiful Composting class, Easter Basket craft day and Earth Day celebration*
 - *At April 4th City Council meeting:*
 - *Board will meet for a joint work session to review 2016 accomplishments and 2017 plans; Visioning Task Force will be large initiative and Jerry H. will present.*
 - *During the regular portion of Council meeting, the 2016 Achievement of Library Excellence Award will be presented. This is the 12th consecutive year the Library has received this award and only 43 of 548 public library systems in Texas received award in 2016.*
 5. Update on Texas State Library 85th Legislative Session priorities.
 - *Senate Bill 902 proposed by Senator Brian Birdwell (District #22 Hood County) calls for removal of certain requirements for Texas State Library & Archives Commission accreditation. Would eliminate minimums for local operating expenditures, collections based on publication dates, hours a library is open to the public, or number/classification of library employees.*
 - *Bill has gone to committee.*
 - *Accreditation standards were revised in 2014 with much sensitivity to the impacts of lost accreditation; more than a 5% loss was reportedly said to prohibit their adoption. Texas Library Association is advocating for pushback on SB902.*
 - *Rowlett Public Library has continually met accreditation requirements, although budget may remain flat next year. Board members encouraged to contact their elected officials. Texas Legislature Online (MyTLO) is a resource for staying updated on legislative activities.*
 6. Update on February "Love Your Library Month" staff appreciation activities.
 - *Board member Bill S. presented Firewheel AMC movie passes to library staff on February 14th.*
 - *Deborah S. provided homemade treats.*
 - *Kathy F. expressed thanks on behalf of the Library staff.*

7. Update on Library Visioning Task Force activities.
- Possible Library closing September 2017 to move to leased facility; re-opening anticipated in October. Friends of the Library are working on plans to celebrate.
 - Kathy F. will bring preliminary floor plans to next meeting; Tana expressed interest in tour of new facility.
 - Group discussed design of new space for shelving, chairs, etc. Design will feed into budget needs.
8. Public announcements: Members of the Commission and or staff may make announcements of local civic events. No member of the board or commission may discuss or take any action with regard to the announcements.
- March 25th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – KRB shredding and electronics (includes anything like games) – at Rowlett High School.
 - April 22nd from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Great American Cleanup – will meet at Wet Zone; lunch and snacks will be provided and is open to all volunteers.
9. Future Topics for next meeting.
- Call to order
 - Chair selects voting alternate(s), if necessary
 - Consider approving minutes from the previous meeting
 - Director's report
 - Update on Texas State Library 85th Legislative Session priorities
 - Update on Library Visioning Task Force activities
 - Public announcements
 - Future agenda items
 - Adjourn
10. Adjournment.
- Motion made to adjourn by Deborah S. and seconded by Tana D.; motion passed unanimously.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.


Chairperson

April 13, 2017
Date