



OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE ROWLETT PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2013
Location: Library Conference Room, 3900 Main Street

1. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. and determined a quorum was present.
 - *Members present: Pat Harris, Ginny Thomas, Tana Daniels and Bill Schwab*
 - *Members absent: Deborah Smith and John Pritchard*
 - *Staff present: Kathy Freiheit, Director of Library Services*
2. Consider approving the minutes from March 14, 2013 meeting.
 - *Motion made by Bill Schwab to accept the March 14, 2013 meeting minutes as presented; Ginny Thomas seconded; motion passed unanimously.*
3. Acknowledge communications and announcements.
 - *None at this time.*
4. Receive Staff reports.
 - a) Ongoing report on programs
 - *Kathy Freiheit gave an update to Board on programs:*
 - *Spring Break week programs included: Mindstorm (Robotics); American Girl Doll Party, Legos!; Angry Birds!; Little House on the Prairie; Rock Your Shamrocks!*
 - *Due to rain, the City rescheduled the Eggstrordinary Egg Hunt; Library presented SpringFest even though egg hunt was cancelled. Attendance for SpringFest: 310 people with 80 people present for storyteller programs.*
 - *With the rescheduled Eggstrordinary Egg Hunt to March 30th, the Library presented a second Spring Fest with 562 people attending the program.*
 - *Two students graduated GED program*
 - *Family Saturday movie, "Brave" presented April 6th with 25 attending*
 - b) Announce upcoming events
 - *National Library Week April 15-20th; will have drawing for gift baskets; proclamation to be presented at April 16th City Council meeting. Library will also receive the 2012 "Achievement of Excellence in Libraries" award from the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association*
 - *April 20th, Family Saturday games and Teen Poetry Slam*
 - *May 4th, Family Saturday movie "Wizard of Oz"*
 - *May 11th – Literary Tea*
 - *May 18th, Teen Tie-Dye program*
 - *May 25th, "Red, White and Blue in the Library, Too" during City Touch-A-Truck event*
5. Update on 83rd Texas Legislative Session.
 - *Kathy Freiheit shared information on the status of HB 1/SB 1 from the Texas Municipal League (TML). As a starting point for negotiations, both budgets recommend cutting aid to local*

libraries by \$5.6 million, a 58% reduction from 2012-13 amounts. Kathy noted that this is in addition to \$30M lost in funding in the 2012-13 biennial budget (from 2010-11). The proposed state budget as noted above would result in a loss of \$6.1M in federal funds. Advocates are urged to contact their legislators, requesting better support for libraries. Ginny Thomas asked if TML provided a means for pre-populated replies; Kathy will investigate.

6. 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.

- *City is in process of interviewing for new Fire Chief.*

7. Future Topics for next meeting

- *Call to order*
- *Consider approving the minutes from the previous meeting*
 - Possible recognition of former Board member Veda Kull
 - Ginny Thomas will check on Veda Kull's availability to attend next month's meeting for presentation of a book to honor her service on the Library Advisory Board.
- *Acknowledge communications and announcements*
- *Receive Staff reports*
 - Ongoing report on programs
 - Announce upcoming events
- *Update on 83rd Texas Legislative Session*
- *Public announcements*
- *Future agenda items*
- *Adjourn*

8. Adjournment.

Motion made to adjourn by Ginny Thomas and seconded by Tana Daniels; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Pat Harris
Pat Harris, Chairperson

5/09/13
Date