



City of San Marcos Regular Meeting Library Board Monday, February 28, 2022

I. Call to Order by Lauren M.: 5:52

II. Roll Call

Present: Katie Cargill, Lauren Mikiten, Martha Moore, Jayne Baker, Joan Nagel, Ann Whitus

Absent: Joanne Engle

III. 30 Minute Citizen Comment Period: none

IV. MINUTES

Consider approval of the January 24, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion for approval by Martha M, seconded Jayne B., none opposed.

V. DISCUSSION

SMPL received the St David's Foundation "Libraries for Health" grant which will fund a full time, library-based mental health associate and shared use of licensed professional counselor. Our input included hiring qualified people that were bi-lingual. Grant includes a \$40,000 per year grant to be spent as needed to improve the mental health of the San Marcos community. In addition, SMPL will participate in RAND Cooperation mental health research-based program.

Suggested mental health areas of need to consider are single working mothers, victims of domestic abuse, the homeless population, the LGBTQ community and the elderly, including issues of transportation, loneliness and care-giver support. Other programs could address screening for victims of dementia including Alzheimer, mental health screening and community building.

VI. REPORTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Update on outstanding items with the library expansion and remodel project. Contractor is still responding to door handles, water leaks in back part of the library, water collection pump malfunction. The project has still not been accepted by the City of San Marcos. Once accepted, the contractors provide a one-year maintenance guarantee.
2. During the month of December:
 - we had 26,129 visitors even though we were closed for five days due to holidays.

- With the ACA sign up and the COVID eviction paperwork needed to be faxed, the public scanner was used for 1,056 scans.
 - The public computers (not counting people using the Wi-Fi on their own computers) were used 2,019 times.
 - Online materials were checked out 4,424 times
 - Study and meeting rooms were used 361 times (this does not include the library using the rooms for programs)
 - We added 227 new library cardholders
 - Facebook continues to be popular with people seeking information from the library. The main Facebook page has 6,100 followers which is more than New Braunfels, Georgetown, Cedar Park or Seguin. During December there were 20,000 interactions on this page. The Jobs and Careers page has 1,906 followers. The Virtual book club has 754 participants - these are all public pages so even if people don't join they can see everything that is posted. The only private page we have is the Preschool storytime page with 177 members. This page is private because it allows us to post our puppet shows and storytimes without copyright infringement. Sometimes parent's post and there is some security in knowing who can see these pages and photos.
3. Staff update: all open jobs have been posted. We have two openings for Library Pages and expect to have them onboard this month. We are re-advertising the Library Supervisor position and expect to interview and hire with an April start date.
 4. Books were donated in honor of the Library Board members Martha Moore, Jayne Baker, Joan Nagel, and Joanne Engle. Their service during COVID and the building and remodel project has been much appreciated.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.
- Board Members may provide requests for discussion items for a future agenda in accordance with the board's approved bylaws. *No further discussion will be held related to topics proposed until they are posted on a future agenda in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.*

VIII. Adjournment of January meeting: 6:30. Martha M. motions, Jane B. seconds.