



City of Farmers Branch
Minutes
Library Advisory Board

Farmers Branch
Manske Library
13613 Webb Chapel
Farmers Branch, TX
75234

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:02 pm

Manske Library – Meeting Room

Regular Called Meeting called to order 7:02 PM

Presiding: Kristen Hansen

Present: David Solly, Zechariah Thompson, Kathy (Lee) Alvoid,
Ashley Williams, Stacey Baker

Absent: Calpurnia Root, Allison Lucero

City Representative: Heather Fuller (Library Director), Ryann Dekat (Assistant
Director)

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

C. AGENDA ITEMS

24.106 Consider approving Library Board minutes of regular meeting held January 11, 2024; and take appropriate action

David motions to approve. Zachariah seconds. Motion passes

24-11 Receive trustee reports

Heather shared news of AI in the publishing space. Ashley shared news of the North Texas Teen Book Festival happening in April in Irving. David shared an update on anti-book ban movements sweeping across the country.

24-107 Review patron feedback

There were 15 items of patron feedback. Some items mentioned the cleanliness of the library, the selection of manga books, the facility and friendliness of library staff.

24-108 Update on Library Board 2045 document

Lee shared an update on adult literacy programming. She met with members of the Dallas College and Texas Workforce Solutions. There is brainstorming about the role that the library would play in connecting folks to adult literacy programming vs leading adult literacy programming at the library. Lee also shared that she met with members of Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District to get an update on graduation rates, state exam passing rates, career placement after graduation. Dallas Library has their own adult education program that the Manske Library could look to learn from. Potential action could be to have the information available at the library and to promote it at the library. Possibly promote adult literacy programming during the summer reading campaign, promote during back to school nights, during library events, etc.

24-109 Receive report from programming subcommittee; and take appropriate action

Alison and Lee met to determine the way forward on a movie night. They propose instead of a spring movie

night, to schedule one during the summer since the springtime is a busy time for library programming. They proposed a Summer of Kindness Movie Night on June 1st, on the same day of summer reading kickoff at the library. The proposal includes donations to the Animal Shelter, a scavenger hunt, and small prizes. Stacey motioned to approve the summer of kindness night as planned by the subcommittee. Ashley seconded the motion. Motion passes.

24-112 Receive Library Director's report

The online calendar is launching on the website near March. Spanish as a second language course is happening, waiting for a new instructor to come on board, 40 attendees at the Tiny Art Show, the Annual Bookmark contest at the beginning of march (out of this world theme, in conjunction with the eclipse), starting to plan for the summer reading program.

24-110 Discuss potential agenda items for future Library Board Meetings

Circle back to summer of kindness movie night details. The next meetings will be 3/7 and 4/11.

D. ADJOURNMENT

David motions to adjourn. Stacey seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Chair

Recording Secretary