

AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

May 13, 2019; 4:30 p.m.

Board Chair Alex Mayfield called the regular meeting of the Austin Public Library Board to order at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, May 13, 2019, at the Austin Public Library.

PRESENT: Alex Mayfield, Janet Anderson, Melissa Bonorden, Jodi Krueger
Julie Schramek

ALSO PRESENT: Rose McCarthy, Julie Clinefelter, Sara Steinhoff

ABSENT: Ojoye Akane, Mariana Camarena, Nitaya Jandragholica*, Stephanie Postma

***NOTE:** Board Member Nitaya Jandragholica listened to the meeting via telephone in an unofficial capacity.

AGENDA:

Jodi Krueger moved to approve the agenda; Julie Schramek seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Janet Anderson, seconded by Melissa Bonorden, to approve the April 8, 2019, meeting minutes as presented. Carried.

EXPENSES AND FINANCE REPORTS:

Melissa Bonorden inquired as to a bill from Imagine Video Productions. Director Clinefelter advised this was the company through which the library contracted a program presenter for an event in May.

A motion was made by Melissa Bonorden, seconded by Jodi Krueger to approve the expenditures from April 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/MEETINGS: None.

OPERATIONAL REPORT:

Julie Clinefelter provided a written operational report to the board. She also presented information and sought board input and approval on the following items:

Director Clinefelter highlighted recent community networking efforts, including her attendance at the Riverland Foundation event, which gave rise to discussions about how the library could work further with Riverland on collaborative projects. She also noted the library hosted a Third Judicial District Listening Session, which was directed at improving communication and relations between diverse populations and the court system, and was attended by over seventy people.

In addition, Julie reported the events celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Austin Ladies Floral Club, on April 30, went very well and were well-planned and executed by the Club members.

Clinefelter went on to provide an update on the library's Strategic Plan, noting progress on each of the three main goals and a number of completed items in the action plans for those objectives. In conjunction with the status report for the Strategic Plan, she noted her tenure as library director has now hit the two-year mark and provided an overview of challenges and progress to date in that role. Julie advised her focus in her next year would be to help assure that staff members fully understand how each of their roles connects into the bigger picture of the library's work and mission.

SELCO REPORT:

Mower County SELCO Board Representative Rose McCarthy reported she attended the second-quarter meeting of the SELCO Board in April, and noted the topics discussed included building updates, options for trimming the SELCO budget, and status of the state's Legacy funding bill, and an update on SELCO's Strategic Plan progress.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Board members discussed whether it would be possible to participate in library board meetings via telephone, noting this would possibly prevent missing meetings due to a lack of quorum. Director Clinefelter advised she would consult with the City Administrator and/or City Attorney to find out if this is allowable under the state's open meeting laws.

Clinefelter also reminded board members of upcoming events including the play "*Shhh! We Have A Plan*" on May 15, and the library's UNITY Project at the upcoming Fourth Avenue Fest in June. She advised volunteers were still needed for some time slots. The project is funded by a Legacy Grant through SELCO and will be videotaped and photographed.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: None.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Julie Schramek moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m.; Janet Anderson seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Steinhoff, Recording Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Monday, June 10, 2019, 4:30 p.m.