



## Library Advisory Board

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A meeting of the Library Advisory Board was held on Wednesday February 20, 2019 at 5:15 p.m. at the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library, 100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Pkwy., Brenham, Texas.

Advisory Board Members present:

Alana Winkelmann, Lu Hollander, Janie Mehrens, Keith Herring, Lillian Marshall, Christy Van Dyke, and Marshia Foster

Advisory Board Members absent:

Jamey Johnson and Renee Mueller

City staff present:

Andria Heiges and Jeana Bellinger

Others present

Ruth Wilson, Linda Haag, Alberta Kaufman, and Gail Breeland

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

**2. Citizen and Visitor Comments**

Jeana Bellinger introduced herself to the board.

**3. Introduction of New Board Members**

Sabrina Roberts introduced herself to the board.

**4. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Election of a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for a Term of One (1) Year**

A motion was made by Janie Mehrens and seconded by Christy VanDyke to reappoint Keith Herring as Chairperson.

Chairperson Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Marshia Foster	Yes
Board Member Jamey Johnson	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Christy Van Dyke	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes

A motion was made by Sabrina Roberts and seconded by Christy VanDyke to appoint Janie Mehrens as Vice Chairperson.

Chairperson Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Marshia Foster	Yes
Board Member Jamey Johnson	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Christy Van Dyke	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes

## **5. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon the Approval of the Minutes from the June 20, 2018 Regular Meeting**

A motion was made by Janie Mehrens and seconded by Lu Hollander to approve the Minutes from the June 20, 2018 regular meeting as corrected.

Chairperson Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Marshia Foster	Yes
Board Member Jamey Johnson	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Christy Van Dyke	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes

#### **6. Discuss and Possibly Act Upon a Updated Public Art Project for the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library**

Andria Heiges introduced artist Ruth Wilson, representing the Brenham Fine Arts League, and discussed the updated plan to place a rotating display of Ms. Wilson's bronze sculptures inside the library, starting with Dibley Seymour, P.I. Alberta Kaufman discussed her recently published book that tells the story of Dibley's character.

Andria stated that the Public Art Project has 3 Goals:

1. Connect Literacy and Art – ideas include: a writing contest for all ages to write stories about sculpture characters and storytimes with Brenham ISD during spring library tours.
2. Education – ideas include: meet the local artist night at the library in partnership with the Fine Arts League, quarterly educational programs, a program called “When I Grow Up I want to be an Artist”
3. Inspiration- ideas include: a kick off ceremony when Dibley is placed at the library and programs to promote conversations about art.

The group discussed an available grant through Laura Jane Musser Fund which would require the Fine Arts League to apply for the \$10,000 grant in partnership with the library. Grant funds would help purchase a display, signage, and supplies for the programs. The board expressed their excitement about the project and its potential for partnership opportunities between the library, the league and Brenham ISD.

A motion was made by Lu Hollander and seconded by Janie Mehrens to support the Public Arts Project and to support the Fine Arts League grant application by providing a letter of support.

Chairperson Herring called for a vote. The motion passed with the Board voting as follows:

Chair Keith Herring	Yes
Board Member Marshia Foster	Yes
Board Member Jamey Johnson	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Lu Hollander	Yes
Board Member Christy Van Dyke	Yes
Board Member Renee Mueller	<b>Absent</b>
Board Member Sabrina Roberts	Yes
Board Member Janie Mehrens	Yes
Board Member Lillian Marshall	Yes

**7. Presentation and Discussion Related to the Annual Review of the Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Nancy Carol Roberts Memorial Library Strategic Plan 2016-2026**

Librarian Andria Heiges presented this item. Heiges stated that the City of Brenham is currently in the process of reviewing its goals in to the year 2025. There was discussion related to new goals for the upcoming year and beyond to 2025 and a review of the accomplishments so far as related to the currently library strategic plan. The following are some of the goals presented.

**Summary of Goals:**

Goal 1		Goal 2		Goal 3		Goal 4		Goal 5		Goal 6	
Support of Educational & Learning Opportunities		Foster Community Connections		Empower Community by Creating Awareness of Library Resources		Support Workforce & Economic Prosperity		Expand Access to Information, Ideas & Stories		Foster and Organizational Culture of Innovation	
2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025
Increase knowledge of early learning	Computer-coding programs	Collaborate with new community partners	Host a Makerspace fair	Develop a library brand	Improve website	Increase wifi bandwidth & library only network	Offer annual job fair for teens or adults	Offer more diverse collection	Employ full time bilingual staff	Implement pilot projects	Train fully on technology
Offer evening storytimes	Library cards for students linked to ID cards	1st choice for community meetings		Improve library website/offer credit card payment option	Make electronic offerings more available		Circulate hotspots for patrons to take home	Addition of 3D technology	Offer bilingual story times	Celebrate staff accomplishments	Expand services to rural county-bookmobile
		Work with schools: CARS, STEM night		Senior outreach-curbside delivery							
				Coffee in lobby and bottle filling water fountains							

## **8. Discussion Relating to the Proposed 2019 Meeting Dates**

Librarian Andria Heiges provided a list of the proposed Library Board Meetings for 2019. The Board agreed that the proposed dates of a 5:15pm meeting at the library on the third Wednesday of every other month were acceptable.

## **9. Administrative Report**

Librarian Andria Heiges provide the library report for the last three months. In addition, Heiges provided the following on the upcoming February/March 2019 programming at the Library.

- Book Signing
- Library Book Club
- Crafty Café – Adult crafting program
- Free Legal Service through Texas Law Center
- Library's 118<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
- New Story time for Children on Saturdays
- Gaming Club for Teens

Meeting adjourned.

*Keith Herring*

Chair Person

**ATTEST:**

*Andria Heiges*

Staff Liaison