

# HEWITT TEXAS

## MEETING MINUTES FOR THE HEWITT LIBRARY BOARD HEWITT, TEXAS May 8, 2023, 6:00 pm

### Members present

Sally Goldman, President  
Lydia Dashner, Vice President  
Jenny Hunt, Secretary  
Julie Holcomb  
Betty J. Smith  
Jerry Snider  
Delores K. Sincerney

### Members absent

(none)

### **Call to Order**

Sally Goldman called the meeting to order around 6:05 pm with all members present, including new member Delores K. Sincerney.

### **Regular agenda items**

#### **1. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

Minutes from the previous meeting on January 17, 2023 were approved, pending corrections. A motion to approve was made by Lydia Dashner, seconded by Jerry Snider and confirmed by all present.

#### **2. Director's Report**

Waynette presented an update on the library, highlighting the library's Collection Development Policy and noting that the board has input on the guidelines therein. Waynette asked that a committee be formed within the board to review the library's Collection Development policy in detail. Sally Goldman, Julie Holcomb, and Delores K. Sincerney volunteered for this committee, which will meet in June for discussion. Other members of the board are also welcome to give input. Any recommended updates will then be presented to the Library Board for a vote in July. Of note is that Chromebooks and mobile hotspots for checkout are new to HPL since the last time the policy was updated.

Also discussed were printouts of the "Library Bill of Rights" by the ALA Council; "The Freedom to Read Statement," by the ALA Council and the AAP Freedom to Read Committee; and the AFVA's "Freedom to View Statement"; as well HPL's current "Statement about the Reconsideration of Library Materials," with sections highlighted for potential revision. Waynette asked that all board members review the "Statement about the Reconsideration of Library Materials" and provide input.

Waynette discussed recent developments related to libraries in Llano and other Texas communities, and recommended that the board adopt and maintain clear guidelines around collection development for the benefit of all, including library staff, the library board, and the community. HPL believes that a library's books should reflect the community, and they strive toward that goal daily.

Hewitt Public Library's complete policies are freely available to the public on request.

Information on summer programming and recent library-related publicity in *HPL News* and *The Hewitt Express* was also distributed to the board.

**Adjournment**

Julie Holcomb moved to adjourn around 7:05 pm. Motion was seconded by Lydia Dashner and confirmed by all present.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenny Hunt, *Secretary, Hewitt Library Board*