

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE HEWITT LIBRARY BOARD

HEWITT, TEXAS

July 8, 2024, 6:00 pm

Members present

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

Members absent

Call to Order

President Sally Goldman called the meeting to order to order at 6:01 pm.

Regular agenda items

1. Receive Director's Report

The \$3k Summer Reading Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is in progress and is covering 1200 books from Scholastic to be used for summer reading giveaways. The extra books will be given out throughout the rest of the year. Around 750 people have registered for the summer reading program, and summer event attendance has been 11k so far. Programming ends on July 31.

On July 1, special projects began, including funding (around \$45k) for "Full Steam Ahead" (an ages 3-18 STEAM program) from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC). Funds are being used to purchase supplies for STEAM-related activities (blocks, forensic tools, coding equipment, robots, etc.) and must be spent by May 31, 2025.

The library has received a recommendation for a "Texas Reads" \$10k grant that would go toward next year's summer theme of "Color Your World." Voting is on August 2, and the grant begins on September 1.

The library hopes to bring in authors such as Jason Platt (graphic novelist for middle school) and Houston rom-com author Katherine Center, who will soon appear at Fabled.

The RFID upgrade has initial approval from the city manager. The library hopes to start the project by October 1 with an end date of December 31.

The library may switch to a different provider for ebooks.

Other discussion: Julie Holcomb suggested that Art Center Waco could be possible partners. Sally Goldman mentioned that the Friends of the Library is planning to mount a plaque to feature life members.

July 31 is Director Glaser's one year anniversary at the library; the board is grateful for his contributions during this first year.

2. Consideration and approval of minutes from the meeting held on April 22, 2024.

President Sally Goldman entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the April 2024 meeting. Julie Holcomb motioned to accept and was seconded by Delores Sincerney. Motion passed.

Adjournment

President Sally Goldman then entertained a motion to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Lydia Dashner motioned to adjourn, and Betty Smith seconded.

Respectfully submitted:

Jenny Hunt, *Secretary, Hewitt Library Board*