

CITY OF FREEPORT
Library Board Meeting Minutes
July 9th, 2013

The Freeport Library Board met on July 9th, 2013 with the following members in attendance:

Rita Angel-Cundieff	Nancy Hughes
Lila Lloyd	Peggy Osburn
June Strambler	Cindy Yell, Branch Librarian
Sara Joiner, Children's Specialist	Carol Bettoney

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., July 9th, 2013.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes were approved as read, with the following change: Scottaline to Scottoline.

Library Painting Project

City Manager, Mr. Pynes, has made money available to repaint the library. The colors chosen are Parakeet, Tango, Soulful Blue, Cooled Blue and Mexican Sand. Mr. Pynes is also interested in replacing the library flooring – laminate hardwood vs. carpet. Volunteers may be needed to repaint and help re-carpet. Mid August/early September was mentioned as possible starting dates. Noise level a concern. Weight of books and stacks may dampen noise if laminate is installed. Euneek Painting Company gave an estimate of approximately \$4,000 - \$5,000. Maybe seek out 2 or 3 other bids.

Reports:

a. Branch Manager's Report – See Attachment I

b. Library Director's Report

Tickets for the Author dinner with J.D. Davies and Mickey Gilley are available. Cost is \$40. The Author dinner to be catered by Southern Elegance in Alvin. Mickey Gilley will perform.

July 25th, 26th and 27th are the dates for the Brazoria County book sale. Set-up will be Thursday, with the book sale all day Friday and Saturday. Clean-up Monday. Book sale will be at the Angleton Library.

Staff Picnic was held May 6th at Quintana Park. The Library Board provided the brisket. Another picnic to be held in the Fall.

State Legislative Review ended. "Motions" were passed to help libraries and provide a little more money.

Pearland Westside Library opened May 15th. It is the 2nd busiest branch – 2000 NEW library card users. Last shipment of books for that library has been received.

Cathy Threadgill, the current Brazoria County Library System's Director will be retiring August 30th. Party will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 on August 30th. It is a "Come and Go" type of gathering in Annex.

Old Business

New Business

Discussion continued on the library painting/renovation project. No-one was in favor of volunteers painting. Suggested we seek out bids from Glover, Mason Howard and other local painting companies.

The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m. The date for the next meeting was set for October 1st, 2013 at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:


June Strambler

Secretary, Library Board

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Upcoming Programs

Our long-awaited computer classes began last Saturday, July 6. Three people attended the basics class for absolute beginners, and we have patrons signed up for more advanced classes on Office software. Right now, we're offering two classes per month (on the first and third Saturday), and depending on interest, we could expand it to weekdays as well. We're excited to see how it will develop. Our next class is July 20 from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

We are also starting a new series on healthy living starting July 18. The idea is to create a discussion group to share support, recipes, tips, and advice for living a healthier lifestyle. Special guests from the AgriLife Extension service will visit periodically and will share their wealth of information with the group. Our first meeting is July 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Craft Club will meet July 13 at noon. This open-ended crafting time is a great way to share ideas and techniques with fellow crafters in the area. We've had low attendance for a month or two but are working on getting the word out.

Summer Reading Club

Over 175 children have signed up for Summer Reading Club, and we've been keeping them busy with lots of fun programs and activities. SRC began June 1 with a kick-off party, complete with a bounce house and pizza party. The library has hosted Reptiles with Ruby, Ronald McDonald, rainforest and variety shows, Jungle Jack, and lots of craft programs this summer, with more on the way:

- Pet care Tips July 9
- Brazos Bend- Mammals July 11
- Bedtime Stories July 16
- Make Your Garden Grow July 23
- Mysteries Under the Earth July 25
- Brazos Bend- Birds July 27
- Back to School Bash, awards show, and prize drawings July 31.

Attachment 1



