

**CITY OF FREEPORT
LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 1ST, 2017**

The Freeport Library Board met on August 1st, 2017 with the following members in attendance:

Amy Garcia	Lori Purvis, BCLS Director
Christina Travis	Melissa Niebuhr, BCLS, Freeport Branch Library Manager
Nancy Hughes	Roy Yates, Freeport City Council, Liaison
June Strambler	Dawn Fowler, BCLS Employee

The meeting was called to order at 4:57 p.m.

The minutes from January 17 were approved as read. There was not a quorum for the meeting held on May 2nd, 2017.

There were not any Oaths of Office administered at this meeting as no-one was sure of how to do it.

BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

Freeport had the highest completion rate at 47% during the Summer Reading Club. One Freeport participant won a \$10 gift card from BCLS. Freeport Friends of the Library paid for several of the Summer Reading Club programs.

Leaks are still occurring from windows due to broken window seals.

Police Department wants 4 parking spaces inside the gated area. Door inside gated area is convenient for library employees. Backdoor, which is what the

police wants the employees to use, is conducive to rest room and meeting room area. Police needs should be addressed.

Fluorescent lighting is being replaced as the ballast in each light goes out. City maintenance guy, Olin, is in charge of library maintenance.

Branch manager would like the carpet in her office replaced due to strong odors when wet.

BCLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

There are 12 libraries in the Brazoria County Library System, with the respective cities owning the building and furniture. The BCLS owns the contents. A yearly budget is submitted to Brazoria County Commissioners for \$5million to cover staff and \$2million for operating budget expenses. The budget year starts October 1st. The County is receptive to staffing needs with the addition of 2 shelver positions at Pearland and Alvin and one clerk position at Pearland Westside.

Resources from each library are accessible to all the system libraries. The system resources are extensive due to 48 different languages spoken in the county.

Effective August 12th Pearland East will be closed for remodeling to add study spaces, 3 teen, children and adult spaces. During the closure an alternate drop-off site will be at the Pearland Rec Center. Pearland East collection of 17,000 books will be dispersed among 8 branch libraries.

Manvel city council approved a stand-alone library to be built the next couple of years.

Summer Reading Club stats: BCLS had 5,200 kids register, 800 teens and 1800 adults. Freeport had 164 kids and 28 teens register.

There will be a system wide book sale in Angleton the end of August. The proceeds go to the Brazoria County Library Foundation, which in turn provides items for all the system libraries not funded by the BCLS budget.

NEW BUSINESS

Changes in Freeport library employees: Jewel was promoted and Mark resigned. Two new employees were added: Dawn Fowler and Jamie Lehmen are part-time shelvers who will be cross-trained to work at the circulation desk.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

June Strambler

Secretary, City of Freeport

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