

CITY OF FREEPORT
Library Board Meeting Minutes
April 3rd, 2012

The Board of the Freeport Library met on April 3rd 2012, with the following members present:

Margie Edwards
Lila Lloyd
June Strambler

Nancy Hughes
James Walker
Cindy Yell, Branch Manager

Call to Order

In the absence of Rita Angel-Cundieff, June Strambler called the meeting to order at 4:46 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes from the January 3rd, 2012 meeting were approved as read.

Branch Manager's Report

Cindy Yell presented her report. See Attachment 1.

Children's Specialist Report

Rebecca's report was given. See Attachment 2.

County Librarian's Report

In Catherine Threadgill's absence, Cindy Yell stated that she would be attending the Texas Library Association conference April 17 – 20 in Houston. Also Cindy stated that the Foundation's Fundraiser Dinner was successful. The Friends' donated basket auctioned for \$570.

Old Business

The Board still needs to check on who is the liaison from the Freeport City Council to the Library Board. It may be Fred Bolton.

New Business - None

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by
June Strambler

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Branch Manager's Report
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Ceiling repairs and carpet cleaning

The roof repairs are largely complete. Workers went up several times to patch suspected leaky areas, and we haven't had any leaks or spots in weeks. City workers found the best carpet cleaning solution for our worst spots, and the carpet throughout the building looks great. Even the high-traffic areas look fresh and clean.

Men's room vandalism

We've been experiencing some vandalism in the public restroom. An unknown patron is pulling out large quantities of paper towels and leaving them on the floor. The restroom has also flooded a few times in the past few months. We are considering replacing the paper towel dispenser with either an electronic "sensor" dispenser or a hand-dryer machine. If that does not deter the vandals, we may try locking the restroom and handing out keys as needed.

Summer Reading Club 2012

Rebecca has written a report about our plans for the upcoming Summer Reading Program. (see attached)

Door count

The Spring 2012 door count is a few weeks away. During the first week of May, all libraries will count the number of phone calls taken, reference questions answered, materials viewed by patrons in the building, and number of visitors to the library and using the meeting rooms.

Friends' Silver Tea fundraiser

Freeport Friends of the Library's annual Silver Tea fundraiser was held Sunday March 4 at Freeport Historical Museum. Those attending enjoyed homemade cookies and punch while browsing the museum's exhibits for free. Donations were accepted and collecting, totaling almost \$500.

Attachment 1

Children's Report

Summer Reading Club 2012 is right around the corner, and I have been busy making preparations and working out the details for the programs. This year, I am on the Summer Reading Club revamp committee, and we have decided to make a few changes, some which will begin to take effect this year. The biggest change is that the highest level of books to read is now 30, versus the 60 books it has been in the past. We decided this was a more realistic goal, and is more in line with summer reading programs across the country. We are also implementing a completely separate teen reading club. For every 10 books that a teen reads, he or she will be given a raffle ticket for a drawing of 4 different prizes that we hope will appeal to the teens. Also, they will be receiving separate incentives from those of the younger readers. I am really excited about these changes and looking forward to a very busy summer.

It wouldn't be Summer Reading Club without lots of programs! There will be many fun things to do this summer at the Freeport Library. The theme this year is Get a Clue...at the Library, and it kicks off May 29. We have 2 paid performers this year-Top Secret by Julian Franklin and Marshmallow Magic Show by Mark Shepherd. I am particularly excited about The Chemistry Road Show, a free program presented by Texas A&M University. It has been given rave reviews by fellow children's specialists. We are also doing our now traditional Christmas in July program which the kids always really enjoy, and this year we are having a Princess Tea Party that I am sure will be a hit. In all, we will be having 14 programs this summer, and I hope the kids and parents have a great time.

The children's department is doing great. My storytime attendance has been increasing almost weekly. I still have a daycare that visits every week, and was recently informed they will be bringing approximately 30 kids to weekly storytime this summer, so it is sure to be a fun and crazy summer!

Attachment 2