

Dripping Springs Community Library District

March 18, 2020

Teleconference

The Board of the Dripping Springs Community Library met through a teleconference for an emergency meeting.

Present: Missy Atwood, Marcia Atilano, Melva Codina, Bob Richardson, Marcie Cochran and Derek Smith

11:00 A.M. CT-- CALL TO ORDER

**Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

**Reports/Discussion Items**

The Board met to discuss how the Library should continue handling the coronavirus regulations handed down by the Hays County Commissioners' Court, the Governor of Texas and the U.S Government.

Missy and Marcia listed what the Library has done:

- Cancelled events until further notice
- Bringing items requested by Library clients to the door and handing them over.
- Closed the Library to the public
- Assigning staff to wipe down all books with a disinfectant wipe.

Marcia is rethinking handing books to clients because of how long the virus can last on hard paper surfaces. Although no Library personnel have shown virus symptoms, the Library may inadvertently be passing on the virus. Various reports have said that the virus can last anywhere from nine days to weeks.

Marcie and Derek felt that the Library needs to be on the side of caution and completely close the Library to patrons. Patrons may be disappointed, but they should not be surprised.

Missy felt that the Library should follow the school district guidelines as far as closing the Library for the same length of time.

Melva asked what the staff would be doing while the Library is closed?

Marcia will keep the staff working either from home or at a safe distance from each other at the Library. The staff will continue working on the Summer Programs, answering emails and phone calls from patrons.

Bob suggested the Marcia discuss with senior members and plan what can be done and need to be done in each area.

Marcia will keep everyone posted, and we will reevaluate our position in two weeks.

**Executive Session –**

No Executive Session

As per Board policy, Board items were voted upon:

**ACTION ITEMS**

On a motion from Bob Richardson and seconded by Marcie Cochran, the Board voted unanimously that in consideration of the President's guidelines, the Library will be closed to the public. It will not circulate hard copy books until at least April 3, 2020. At that time, the Board will reevaluate the situation. The Staff will continue to work on a modified schedule in keeping with guidelines from the State and Federal governments.

The Board will meet on March 30, 2020 for its regularly scheduled March meeting.

The Board adjourned at 11:40 a.m. C.T.

Respectfully submitted,

Melva Codina

Board Secretary