

Dripping Springs Community Library District
Teleconference

July 21, 2021

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

8:30 a.m. cdt- meeting called to order by Missy Atwood

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Reports and Discussion Items:

- A. Librarian's Report – The Library will have a table at the Dripping Springs ISD's teacher orientation. We will have a Kindle to be raffled off as well as furnishing the teachers with various Library informational items. Marcia will begin researching various eResources to add to the library digital collection sources.
- B. Long-range Plan – Marcia reviewed the proposed goals, such as increasing broadband width, staff training, e-resources, and other goals. Alex has suggested to Marcia that library personnel investigate increasing tech support and how other libraries have tackled the change to a larger library.
- C. Lessons learned from Covid-19 experience – The main takeaway is to be consistent with the messaging to our patrons, to the Friends group, and to the public. Also, to not make decisions too quickly; to gather the information and to consider the impact of those decisions.
- D. Format and timing of DSCL Board meetings – The Library will be fully opened in September 2021. Discussion centered around the possibility of Board meetings returning to the library building and to the same meeting day and time. Derek Smith felt that he might miss in-person meetings due to family obligations and liked the idea of continuing Zoom. Missy asked Marcia to investigate a simultaneous in-person/Zoom availability meeting and what items were needed to be compliant with the Open Meetings Act.
- E. Cost of Hays County Elections – Marcia informed the Board that the Hays County Elections Officer, Ms. Anderson, has suggested increasing the amount budgeted for 2022 Board elections. She suggested that based on the County projection of voters, that \$7,000 budgeted for such a contingency.
- F. Camping Policy – Marcia presented the possibility of setting up a camping policy to enable the library to have control of any type of camping set up on Library property. The Board discussed adding wording to the proposal furnished by another Library District which would necessitate approval of any camping done on the property. The Board will investigate this proposed policy at the August meeting.
- G. TIRZ Board update – The TIRZ Board will investigate returning some of the monies to the library which had been paid to the TIRZ. The \$185,000 could be returned in payments beginning later in 2021.
- H. PGAL – No issues to discuss

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:44 a.m. on a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina and voted on unanimously by the Board.

- A. Discussion centered on legal advice regarding the Bilateral agreement between the Library and the School District.
- B. Potential land sites for the new library
- C. Employment evaluation/recommendation for Library Assistant, Aleigha Hudson.

The Board left Executive Session at 10:38 a.m. cdt

Action Items

- A. On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes for the June 16, 2021, the May 26, 2021, and the June 9, 2021 meetings.
- B. On a motion by Marcie Cochran and seconded by Bob Richardson, and there being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Financial Reports for June 16, 2021.
- C. On a motion by Melva Codina and seconded by Marcie Cochran, and there being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to continue holding monthly Board meetings on the third Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the library, and to include a Zoom link for Board members who are unable to physically attend on these dates. These meetings will begin on September 15, 2021.
- D. Cost of Hays County Elections – No action needed.
- E. TIRZ Board updates – No action needed at this time
- F. PGAL ongoing services and schedule -- No action needed at this time
- G. Potential land sites - No action needed at this time
- H. On a motion by Bob Richardson and seconded by Melva Codina, and there being no further discussion, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment status and compensation for Library Assistant, Aleigha Hudson.

On a motion by Marcie Cochran and seconded by Bob Richardson, the Board adjourned at 10:48 a.m. cdt

Respectfully submitted,

Melva Codina

Melva Codina
Board Secretary