

Friendswood Public Library
Board of Trustees
Minutes

Regular Meeting

September 18, 2018

A regular meeting of the Friendswood Public Library Board of Trustees was held on September 18, 2018 at the Friendswood Public Library, 416 S. Friendswood Drive, Friendswood, Texas. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Czarowitz at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEND

Bryan Corey, Mike Czarowitz, Diane Freeman, Christina Hicks, Neeta Jambhekar, Benette Rowley, Madeline Short, Ted Thomas, City Council Liaison Steve Rockey, Assistant Library Director Karen Hart, and Library Director Matthew Riley.

ABSENT

JoBeth Brizendine and Betty Stacy

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There was not any communication from the public.

MINUTES

The minutes of July 17, 2018 and August 21, 2018 were presented for review. Ted moved and Neeta seconded that the July and August minutes stand as presented. There was no objection and the motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Matthew briefly went through the Director's report. He discussed the various programs and services the library has offered recently, including a new Great Books Discussion group beginning in November. Neeta suggested getting guest speakers for the discussion group. Matt said he would speak to Dru Watkins, the leader of the group, about it. Matthew reported that a survey on library services and programs went out to the public and he will bring the results to the next board meeting. Matthew congratulated Madeline Short for being appointed President of the Friends of the Library. Madeline reported that she is currently working on a Friends of the Library newsletter. Diane Freeman discussed the new on-going book sale. Matthew suggested that the Board and the Friends combine their forces to get donations for the library.

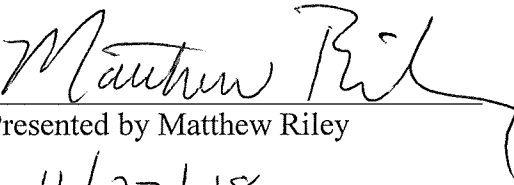
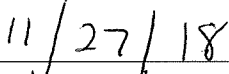
REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: THE LONG-RANGE STRATEGIC PLAN 2017-2022

Matthew asked the Board to think of any suggestions for increasing community outreach/advocacy. Christina reported that an Eagle Scout is creating a moveable sensory station for the children's department. Madeline asked about what the library is doing for children and virtual literacy. Christina mentioned that the children's collection has Launchpads, tablets with pre-loaded educational games. Matthew added that we are getting pre-loaded eReaders for adults as well as circulating laptops. Christina reported that she has increased literacy with her outreaches to literacy nights at CCISD and FISD schools where she brings library card applications and cards. She also mentioned creating a special section in the Childrens department for English Language Learners. She and her teen volunteers are currently working on an anime

convention for January. Matthew asked the Board to come up with ideas on how to provide book delivery to seniors and special need groups. Neeta inquired about seed libraries. Matthew replied that we have not made it a priority but we have considered it. Karen mentioned that libraries that have successful seed libraries have a problem with bugs. Matthew reported that we are still working on getting a second self-check. We want it to be mobile but there are other options that are cheaper. He said there will be an update on progress next Board meeting. He reported that they are also working on upgrading the catalog interface. Steve mentioned the need for a new FISD Liason and said he would talk to someone about it.

ADJOURNMENT

Ted moved that the meeting be adjourned at 8:09p.m.


Presented by Matthew Riley

Date Approved