



MINUTES
MESQUITE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
March 2, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Mesquite Public Library
300 Grubb Drive

Present

Julie Shelton, Chair
Barbara Dunn, Vice-Chair
Tammy Strong, Alternate Lay Representative
Angel Blackstock
Marissa Oldfield
June Chambers, Alternate Member

Absent

Debra Morgan, Lay Representative
Janice Chennault, Recorder/Secretary

Virginia Mundt, Director of Library Services

1. Julie Shelton, Chair, called the conference call meeting to order. It was determined that a quorum existed.
2. Minutes from the February conference call meeting were read. Barbara Dunn made a motion the January minutes be approved; June Chambers seconded the motion. The February minutes were approved.
3. The Library Director discussed the library closure due to the winter storm. She also announced that two new librarians were hired for the North Branch and an assistant librarian would be starting soon at the Main Library. There was discussion about how the lifting of the mask mandate would affect the libraries.
4. The Library Director shared the staff report from the month of February. Some of the monthly statistics such as foot traffic and circulation were down due to the five-day closure during the winter storm. The annual staff development day was also cancelled due to the closure. Also discussed was

the library's ability to provide computer for residents who need to apply for FEMA recovery funds. The libraries both opened on Sunday, February 21 so those computers could be accessed. Discussed that the Hotspots would soon be available for checkout and that the RFID implementation would be on the agenda for the council to approve in March.

5. Some of the board members discussed the possibility of offering bilingual programs with one member offering to help. Also discussed was the interest in grants being written for the library department, not including the two current grants the library was awarded. It was suggested that the local Friends of the Library explore writing grants, as it is a 501 c3 non-profit organization.
6. Tammy Strong made a motion the meeting be adjourned; Barbara Dunn seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.