

**LIBRARY BOARD
CITY OF SHERMAN
MINUTES
AUGUST 11, 2020
12:00 P.M.**

Members Present:

Donna Nesbit	Laurie Mealy
John West	Nick Keating
Judy Sloan	

MeLissa Eason, Library Services Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 12:12 p.m. Minutes from the February 4, 2020 meeting were approved as written by motion of John West, seconded by Nick Keating.

MeLissa announced that Ron Cassady has resigned from the Board and Judy Sloan was approved as a new member at the City Council meeting held August 3, 2020.

An e-mail was sent to the members regarding changes to the Library procedures. There have been frequent meetings because of Covid 19 but no policy changes have been provided because of the frequent updates in the status of the infection. A number of changes have transpired after the library closed for one month on March 24, 2020. After the reopening it is still closed on Saturday and no work in the evenings. Staff is pulling books for pick up as well as other requests and has an average of 20 pick ups for books a day. Since there is more work for the staff, they are to call in if they are stressed. The number allowed in the building at one time is limited to 40 plus staff. The City of Sherman requires wearing of masks by staff and individuals coming to the library.

Virtual programs include story time, Monday madness, How to, and Choose Your own adventure. The meeting rooms are not open to the public at this time. After the first of the year a policy will be in place to go forward. Presently the kids computers have been removed. They may use adult computers, ~~for homework but are only touchable for children's books.~~ There are now nine (9) computers vs. twenty (20) which may each be used for a total of one hour a day. There is a 30 minutes reset or the material is lost.

Books and book covers are being sanitized and a new cleaning crew is working at night only. We call if something is needed during the day. The Staff all are wearing masks. Book fines are being waived during Covid 19.

The summer reading program was on-line with 78 adults as well as 228 children competing for prizes. 503 books were given to participants and party bags were given. This number compared to 2019 when 734 signed up and 1,688 books were given. In 2018, 372 signed up in the temporary building and 960 books were given.

The City Budget is in process. The library cut as much as it could this year but next year 10% will be cut from the budget. This will affect contracts for data base, books, magazines, with more e-books and on-line books. The present full budget plus 10% less along with the Covid expense for security required preparation of a grant request, for which we can re-apply.

Donna Nesbit advised work is continuing on the garden and park areas. Three plants are needed to add to existing plantings. Raised beds are prepared for demonstrations and for kids use. There is a garden outside the kids window which will have teaching materials. The Ag Extension office will install rose beds to be used for research. Pollinated plants are being added.

The Art League is switching their display quarterly.

Donations on the water bill will be used for books, the purchase of kids computers with learning activities and there are new tablets that kids can check out. This costs \$9,000 a year. Board games have been added to the collection along with D&D and games for Thursday nights prior to Covid.

The BARR collection on-line is not working. For an advanced search you need the author's name or title before the search is allowed.

Laurie Mealy complimented MeLissa on how the library is handling the curbside pickup and on-line story time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m. upon a Motion by John West, seconded by Donna Nesbit.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Sloan