



**LEANDER LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING
LEANDER, TEXAS**

**Leander Public Library ~ 1011 South Bagdad Road ~ Leander, Texas
Tuesday, March 21st, 2023, 5:30 pm**

Leander Library Foundation Meeting Minutes - January 2023 - APPROVED

Attendees - Gary Anderson, Marc Petrick, Jason Dikes, Juan Alanis, Mark Tummons, Peggy Parrish, Eric Lashley from PLAN, Deron Henry from the City Attorney's office

A quorum was reached. Gary called meeting to order at 5:30pm

Approval of Minutes: minutes from November 15th, '22. Gary made a motion to approve, Marc seconded. All were in favor.

Report on Used Bookstore Operations: Used bookstore doing very well. The store now has two regular volunteers on Mondays and Fridays, so the only volunteer working solo is for the Wednesday hours. Now have nine total volunteers. Bookstore received a recent donation of high-quality Marvel art books, which were put in a special display due to different pricing structure. Shelf above the sink fell down and needs to be replaced. Marc made a motion, Gary seconded (all in favor) to purchase a new shelf for the bookstore if the one that fell down could not be fixed.

Director's Report: Library hired a new youth librarian, Carey Kipp, who started on 9 January 2023. She has library experience in Wisconsin, Miami-Dade and Dallas. New flooring was installed in the library annex. Although library programs are not typically done in December, several storytimes and events were held, including a Cocoa & Cookie Decorating Party and Puzzle Swap Party, both of which were new events at the library. Several staff members took part in the city's Christmas parade, dressing in costumes in the "Elf" movie theme. The library officially launched "cloudLibrary" on Christmas Day, with 132 patrons registered to use it so far. Library staff enjoyed the holiday dinner sponsored by the Library Foundation. Volunteers were very thankful for the gifts they received from the Foundation.

New Business:

Continued discussion about converting Foundation to a "Friends of the Library" group. Deron Henry from City Attorney's office was present to offer his views of the idea from a legal standpoint. Marc P goes over the reasons why we want to convert (main goal is fundraising; need to get more people involved). Discussion continues about costs involved in creating "Friends" group, and if the Foundation can seed the "Friends" group (run simultaneously), then dissolve the Foundation once "Friends" group is established. Marc points out that we don't want to dissolve and have the financial accounts stuck with no one. In response to whether current Foundation members could serve as board members for the "Friends" group, Gary responds that we need to make sure we keep enough members to maintain quorum in the current Foundation to do business until dissolving. Mark T states that based on minutes from when Foundation was created in 2008, the city's intent seemed to be to separate the Foundation at some point from city

control, but appears it never happened. Marc and Gary agree that we should seed the new “Friends” group before dissolving the current Foundation. Also agree that we need to make a presentation to the city council about our plan, pending on what city attorney says at the next.

Additional Comments: None.

Gary adjourned the meeting at 6:15pm.