Kyle Public Library Board

Minutes of Meeting held on March 11, 2021

The regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Kyle Public Library Board was held on the second Thursday, March 11, 2021 in the General area of the Kyle Public Library, 550 Scott Street, Kyle, TX

Board Members Present: Jessie Ramirez, Susan Reyna, Henry Siller, Gracie Rocha and Dir. Paul Phelan with Morgan Harrell and Priscilla Carruthers present on phone.

Public Hearing: No public guest was present.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Jessie Ramirez at 7:10 PM

Consent Items: Minutes were reviewed. Motion to approve the corrected minutes made by Henry Siller and seconded by Susan Reyna. Minutes were approved.

New Business: Director Paul summarized the role of the Library Board as an advisory board making suggestions and assisting the director to carry out goals and plans. He also proposed three items for improvement to the library that he is suggesting to the City Council. These items include: painting the library, carpet replacement, and security system for the library. Discussion of improving the landscape was brought up and is going to be considered as a possibility. The board voted to support Director Paul with the request for capital improvement.

Continued Business: Another point of discussion was the Young Adult Area in the library. Emphasis will be made on the furniture pieces that were suggested by the board as the first goal. The second is the technical educational component that will be an area for digital interaction for the young adults.

Henry Siller, board member, had a Strategic Plan Roadmap handout on the Long-Range Plan for 2021-2026 for all members of the board. The document is broken into 3 phases with detail goals at each phase. The board agreed that it is a workable timeline and that it is an ongoing flexible document.

Library Directors Report: Director Paul informed the board of the TMLDA Award that the Kyle Library received for the 5th consecutive year. He did recognize his

staff as fully dedicated staff that has continued to do the best for the library patrons during all the Covid-19 pandemic. Paul will be recognized at the Kyle City Council meeting this month.

He also reported on the continuing educational program open to everyone on Google, Growing with Google. This is headed and guided by Jesus Hernandez.

During Black History Month the library had several activities that were presented virtually. A display was set up during the month, as well.

Statistics: Year to Date there have been 53 programs that served approximately 5, 342 patrons. Book check out record indicates that 25,416 items were check out. There were 7,500 digital checkouts.

The pandemic safety protocol is still carried out in the Kyle Library.

Friends of the Library: No report from the Friends.

Henry made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM and Jesse Ramirez seconded.

Meeting adourned.

Next meeting will be on April 13th.

Jesse Ramirez, Chairperson

Gracie Rocha, Secretary