

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
EAST TRAVIS GATEWAY LIBRARY DISTRICT

February 23, 2021 Minutes

NOTE: Original meeting date 2/16/21 was rescheduled due to severe weather conditions.

Place: The meeting was held at the Elroy Library Learning Center, 13512 FM 812, Del Valle, TX and remotely via Zoom for those uncomfortable in a meeting setting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. President Braxton Gregg called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm. Trustees present via Zoom were: Braxton Gregg, Gene Burklund, Tim Johnson, and stand-in Board member Becky Carwile. Others in attendance were: Library Director Joe Gunter, Barbara Durkin, Jennifer and Tom Martin, and Lauren Barrett.

2. Audience Comments/Open Forum. Jennifer asked about progress with Friends since the last meeting. Joe stated updates will be shared in his report.

3. Minutes from January 19, 2021 Regular, and January 26, 2021 special meetings. Becky moved to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Due to Rita's technical difficulties joining the meeting, the Board opted to address agenda items out of order.

7. State of the Libraries Report – Joe updated ongoing progress on open hours, renovations at Garfield, YouTube, and the new website. A food truck distributing free meals from the Garfield parking lot has been well attended by people needing assistance after the weather issues. Elroy's security system is needing to be updated. Though the Covid19 pandemic has been lowered to Stage 4 in Austin, limited curbside services will remain in place, libraries are not opening for regular use at this time, and programming cannot begin yet. ETGLD has renewed memberships with the American Library Association, Public Library Association and Texas Library Association and Joe plans to have some of the staff become involved (possibly attend) in future meetings. The new Friends of the Library Group tentatively plans to meet Thursday, March 25th, 2021.

At 7:19 pm, Rita was able to join, but had problems with audio.

8. Financial Report – Barbara explained the advantage of changing some maturing CDARS to TexPool investment. This movement is allowed per our Investment Policy.

At 7:30 pm, Rita left the meeting again.

5. Regarding naming a Board member to be Vice President, Becky nominated Gene for this position. Gene agreed to be Vice President for 2021.

6. Regarding Open Meetings Training, everyone on the Board must retake and get Certificates to be filed. If a Board member has a certificate from when he or she took the course, they do not have to retake it. Braxton suggested hiring an outside company to assist with Public Relations AFTER some preliminary organization and identification of specifics of what should be accomplished by that company.

Due to Rita's inability to participate in the meeting due to technical difficulties and a quorum not being met, the action items listed on the agenda for 2/23/21 will be voted on in a special meeting next Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Lauren will verify that Rita will be able to be in attendance (and Joe offered to set her up at the Elroy library).

At 7:52 pm, Gene moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Submitted by Lauren Barret

Approved 03/02/2021