

CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

6:15 PM

Community Room

Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Bobby Quinten at 6:36 p.m.

Board Members Present:

*Bobby Quinten, Cindy Kuster, Debra Collins, Emily Bauer, Suzonne Evans, Richard Ajenikoko
Cindy Gray, and ex officio Friends President Kathy Allen.*

Board Members Absent:

Althea Chaderton, Maggie Martin

Library Staff Present:

*Director of Library Services Yolanda Botello, Assistant Director of Library Services
Faria Matin, Youth Services Librarian Julie Crisafulli, Community Engagement
Librarian Lori Eddy, and Library Administrative Assistant II Blacey Bailey.*

Citizens Present:

Paula Highfill and Doug Allen

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING**

*A motion to approve the March 2021 minutes, as written was made by Debra Collins
and was seconded by Richard Ajenikoko. The minutes were unanimously approved.*

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments.

4. **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY UPDATE**

Friends President Kathy Allen shared the following update:

*Friends are currently working on a fundraiser called Story Stroll. Althea Chaderton is
chairing this event and is working with library staff to create a “choose your own
adventure” story. The Story Stroll event will take place at Town Park and is aimed
toward younger children. A planning meeting with the library staff and Althea is
scheduled for June 15 to further discuss the plot and logistics. The event may include
the theater group, a bounce house, and hot chocolate.*

*The Friends applied for a grant with the Mansfield Woman’s Club and recently learned
that they are finalists for 2021.*

*The Friends are participating in a fundraiser book drive with Timberview High School
and the National Honor Society.*

*Mansfield READS 2021 Update: “News of the World” by Paulette Jiles has been
chosen as the book for READS 2021 which will take place on October 21, 2021. A
contract has been signed with author Paulette Jiles who will be available to discuss
the book at events during the day and evening. The kick-off to Mansfield Reads will be
held on September 16, 2021 at Market Street. There are various sponsorship levels
available. The Friends need help in reaching out to possible sponsors.*

5. DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT

Director of Library Services Yolanda Botello provided the following update:

Library Update:

The library submitted a budget for fiscal year 2022 on April 30. One part-time (20 hours) library clerk, has been requested. This person would be hired around the completion of the expansion, pending approval. Additional staff will be requested in fiscal year 2023 as the building is completed.

The library is back on pre-CoVid hours and is gradually returning to normal. Furniture is coming out of storage and items are no longer being quarantined.

The library van was returned from customization later than planned and still needs to be wrapped. Wrapping is scheduled for May 24.

Summer Reading Club runs from June 5-July 30. All events and how to participate will be on the library website. Some programs this year will be virtual and some are in person. Patrons can pre-register for summer reading club by using the platform called Beanstack.

Library Expansion:

The City has the capacity to issue additional debt. Yolanda went to Council on April 12 and requested additional funds for the library's expansion project. During the recent City Council meeting, the Council consent agenda included the items for additional funds and it was approved. This additional \$689,000 will allow the library to get a complete facelift with new furniture and new finishes. Yolanda shared the expansion design plans and finishes for paint, tile and carpet. The architect is hoping that all design will be done by the second week of June.

6. OLD BUSINESS

The Strategic Plan has been officially printed and the library is now working to create benchmarks in order to stay accountable with the goals in the plan.

7. NEW BUSINESS

The City Council has given approval to start a feasibility study for the "joint facility". The library is moving forward with the study which will be funded through Parks funds. The first meeting will be on May 19. Two library board members are needed to be on the panel. Bobby Quinten and Cindy Kuster volunteered to represent the library board. The Council has decided to hold the bond election in May of 2022 instead of November 2021. City Staff cannot advocate for this election. They can only share information.

8. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cindy Gray mentioned that the Mansfield Garden Club is holding a free event featuring renowned horticulturist Steven Chamblee at 6:00 pm on June 8 at Legacy High School Performing Arts Center. A silent auction and raffle will be held to benefit the Gazebo.

Mrs. Botello reminded the board that the volunteer recognition event is tomorrow, May 13, 5:00 pm at the Lot.

9. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned by President Bobby Quinten at 8:03 PM.

CERTIFICATION

All meetings of the Mansfield Public Library Advisory Board and its committees are open to the public.

I certify that this agenda was posted at the main entrance and on the web site of the Mansfield Public Library by 5:00 p.m., Friday May 7, 2021 , in accordance with City policy.

Yolanda Botello, MLS
Director of Library Services