

Minutes for the Wilmer Library Advisory Board

February 29, 2016

ATTENDEES: Chairperson – John Phinney, Secretary – Vicky Vandygriff, Member – Gail Bell, Member – Renee Turner, Student Member – Jessenia Fonseca, Librarian – Jennifer Ramirez

ABSENTEES: Member – Kathleen Richards

Meeting called to order by Chairperson – John Phinney at 6:30 pm on February 29, 2016.

Comments – The movies for Black History Month will not be available due to a reduction in staff. Hopefully SMU will have someone in that position next year.

Item A - Library Meeting Minutes of November, 2015 . Motion made to approve the minutes by John Phinney. Seconded by Gail Bell. Approved 5-0.

Item B – Library Director’s Report – Jennifer Ramirez presented the figures of the month’s usage of Library materials for the months of November and December 2015 and January 2016. Motion to accept the Report was made by Vicky Vandygriff. Seconded by Renee Turner. Approved 5-0.

Item C- Friends of the Library Meeting - Now have private funds as well as city funds available for the library addition. They also continue to collect aluminum cans but will not cash in until prices pick back up.

Item D –Chautauqua 2016 – Topics – July 5, 2016, Wine in Texas! – A brief history of wine making as an art and science. Would like to have a wine tasting. Motion made to present this idea to the City Council approved 4-1.

July 12, 2016, Republicans, Democrats or a Third Party? To be moderated by Professor Bradley Carter of SMU.

July 19, 2016, Strengths and Weaknesses of the major parties and their candidates – Presented by Professor Carter at the requests of audience members of last year’s presentation.

July 26, 2016, Jokes and Humor or Where would we be without them or would we be?- John Phinney will present an overview of the topic of humor relating to human survival.

Item E- Ideas for direction, development and goals for the Library – Increase the American Indian collection, dinosaur books, cookbooks circulate well. Little interest in travel or business books. SMU is redoing their library and may be a source for bookcases.

Item F –Six new computers- They have all been set up and have Office 2016.

Item G – Adourn 7:11 pm

APPROVED John F. S. Cherry Chairperson
Vivian Vandenberg Secretary
03/29-2016 Date

THE WILMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

2016 CHAUTAUQUA

When: Tuesday Nights in July at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Wilmer Community Center

While there is a strong focus on politics in this lecture there are also other topics.

July 05, 2016: Wine in Texas!!!

A brief history of wines and wine making as an art and science

Origin of Texas Wines and Wine making

Is there a treat to California wines by the developing Texas wineries?

With the permission of the Wilmer City Council, a wine tasting will be included.

July 12, 2016: Republicans, Democrats and a Third Party?

Representatives of each major party will be present in a debate/discussion format to discuss why they think their parties and candidates positions are best for the United State of America. This will be moderated by emeritus Professor Bradley Carter of SMU's Political Science Department.

July 19, 2016: Strengths and Weaknesses of the major parties and their candidates.

This will be a presentation by Professor Carter, at the request of members of the audience of his last year's presentation. They requested his return to discuss the election and the candidates nearer the time of the election.

July 26, 2016: Jokes and Humor or where would we be without them or would we be?

John F. S. Phinney will present an overview of this topic and its importance for human survival. There will be a range of topics covered and examples given from varied peoples and cultures of the world. There would seem to be no ethnic group, race, profession/business, country, state, religion or individual that escapes using or being involved in jokes. The topic of political jokes/humor will not forgotten.