

Laguna Vista Public Library
Quarterly Laguna Vista Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

	Meeting Date and Time
Date of Meeting:	January 12, 2023
Time of Meeting:	6:00 PM
	Meeting Location
Location of Meeting:	Laguna Vista Public Library 1300 Palm Blvd Laguna Vista, Texas 78578
	Meeting Attendees
Present at Meeting:	Nicole Ekstrom, Teresa Bryant, Patti Bradley, Stacey Capps, Pura Mireles, Elizabeth Baldwin

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Public Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:03 PM on January 12, 2023 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Nicole Ekstrom.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved .

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Item Name: Minutes
Presenter: Nicole Ekstrom
Description: Teresa Bradley made motion to approve minutes from the September 8, 2022 meeting. Patti Bradley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
2. Item Name: Library Events
Presenter: Nicole Ekstrom
Description: The Book Club was discussed. The February book The Nightingale was switched to A Tree Grows in Brooklyn because Stacey isn't going to be here. The Wildlife Storytime was discussed. Nicole is going to partner with us on one of the Wednesday Events. She will come in February, March, April, and May. Teresa offered to advertise in the Golf Course newsletter. Stacey said she would advertise at the Laguna Madre Christian Academy. Nicole will share on the Laguna Atascosa page. It was decided to have a Valentine cookie decorating event on February 11th.
3. Item Name: Changes And/or Improvements
Presenter: Nicole Ekstrom
Description: Nicole suggested a play area like they have in Port Isabel., Space issues were brought up. Nicole offered to help to see if it would be feasible. Stacey wants the computers to be promoted more. Nicole suggested promoting learning stations to home schoolers and Teresa offered to promote to her home schoolers. Stacey suggested promoting to the local realtors. Teresa suggested promoting to Winter Texans. Flyers and email blasts were suggested.
4. Item Name: Library Survey
Presenter: Nicole Ekstrom
Description: The library survey that Teresa created for us was discussed. Patti wanted to know what we hope to accomplish with it. I informed the board members of Rendi's request for questions for a survey that she wants to create on Survey Monkey. Teresa said she would ask Rendi about the survey. Patti suggested reordering the questions and that the open ended questions be changed to multiple choice. Every one thought Survey Monkey was what we need to do.
5. Item Name: Officers
Presenter: Nicole Ekstrom
Description: Betsy Hosick and Kelsey Schmal have resigned. Stacey Capps was nominated and approved as a board member. Teresa was elected president of the board. We have one vacancy, but Olga Papp was suggested for the vacancy.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on April 6, 2023 at:
Laguna Vista Public Libray
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas
78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:
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The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM by Nicole Ekstrom.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board
September 8, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:
Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Betsy Hosick
Patti Bradley
Teresa Bryant
Kelsey Schmal
Absent from Meeting: Nicole Ekstrom

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:03 PM on September 8, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Betsy Hosick.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Event Attendance

Betsy Hosick

The event attendance was discussed. Market Days was reported on by Teresa Bryant. Stacey Capps had a booth for the library. She passed out free books, the calendar, applications, and the surveys. She handed out all the surveys, but none have been turned in. Betsy Hosick suggested a permanent booth for the library at Market Days. Library Board members will take turns manning the Library Booth. Betsy Hosick is manning the booth at next Market Days on September 20, 2022. Will hand out library applications and surveys. They will use new tablecloth designating library. The traffic at the library was discussed and ideas were suggested to improve it. Kelsey Schmal asked if she could have her 2 year old's birthday party at the library. That is going to happen on the 21st of September. Kelsey Schmal is going to ask Mimi of the LMCA if they are going to continue the library visits. Different suggestions for showing how the library is utilized. Betsy suggested getting the reports for this year and last year, so they can be compared and getting reports from another library of comparable size. It was decided to start a book club. The meeting time was decided. The book club will meet the first Friday of every month at 5:00 pm. The first book is "Where the Crawdads Sing." Book Club Kits were discussed and can be obtained from the McAllen Public Library. We are going to choose books that have been made into movies. The first Saturday of October Teresa Bryant is going to read a Halloween book for children for our Saturday event. The Library's Fall Event was discussed. It was decided to have pumpkin painting, face painting and a couple of games. Teresa Bryant is going to ask the National Honor Society sponsor about volunteers for the library.

2. Library Updates

Betsy Hosick

Patti Bradley asked if the library web page got fixed. She and Betsy Hosick have a friend willing to do it when he comes to town. Teresa Bryant asked if we had gotten the new computers yet. We told the board that we had received them that day, but not the monitors. The Library Board members discussed going to the town council meeting and addressing the Council on behalf of the library.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on December 8, 2022 at:

Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM by Betsy Hosick.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: Library Board

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Laguna Vista Public Library Board
June 9, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Nicole Ekstrom

Kelsey Schmal

Teresa Bryant

Patti Bradley

Absent from Meeting: Betsy Hosick

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Public Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 5:58 PM on June 9, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Nicole Ekstrom.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Officers

Nicole Ekstrom

Nomination of Kelsey Schmal as a new board member. Patti Bradley moved to nominate Kelsey Schmal and Teresa Bradley seconded

it. The vote was unanimous in favor of the nomination.

2. Proposal To Meet Quarterly

Nicole Ekstrom

Teresa Bryant made the motion to have quarterly meetings and Patti seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor of quarterly meetings.

3. TSLAC Grant

Nicole Ekstrom

Congratulations were given on receiving the grant. The timeline was briefly discussed. Informed the board that it is a reimbursable grant. Pura Mireles and Liz Baldwin had to take five courses before receiving the grant.

IV. Consideration of New Business

1. Summer Reading Program
Nicole Ekstrom
The Summer Reading Program events were discussed.

2. Laguna Atascosa Videos
Nicole Ekstrom
Nicole Ekstrom donated one Blu-ray of Bahia Grande and two DVDs, one about Phantom Cats and one about Laguna Atascosa.

3. Tech Person
Patti Bradley
Patti Bradley said she has a friend that is an IT person who will be in town and can fix the links on the Laguna Vista Library website.

4. Farmer's Market Report
Teresa Bryant
Teresa reported that Stacey Capps did really well at the Farmer's Market.. Gave out about half the books we gave her and about 25 Friends of the Library applications.

V. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on September 8, 2022 at:
Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM by Nicole Ekstrom.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: The Library Board

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board
April 14, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Betsy Hosick, Patti Bradley, Teresa Bryant

Absent from Meeting: Nicole Ekstrom

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:12 PM on April 14, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Betsy Hosick.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Nomination And Approval Of New Board Member.

Betsy Hosick

Nicole Ekstrom was texted and she approved the appointment of the new board member, Teresa Bryant. Betsy Hosick and Patti Bradley also voted to approve. Teresa Bryant will replace David Christopher.

2. Library Grants

Betsy Hosick

The grant was discussed. Nicole Ekstrom applied on our behalf with information we provided. It will cover the cost of 5 new computers and monitors. The amount is \$5,000. We will be informed in May whether we will receive it or not.

3. Recap Of Past Three Months Of Events

Betsy Hosick

The past events were discussed and evaluated according to their success. The valentine cookie decorating events was deemed most successful. The Open House event was successful as well. Teresa Bryant asked how the Game Nights were working. Reported that only one family had attended. The coupons that Patti Bradley had acquired from Divot's were reported on. Patti Bradley told us that on the first Game Night only one coupon was redeemed and on the second Game Night none were redeemed. Betsy Hosick asked if there was anything we could do to let people know about our events. It was brought up that there is soccer practice and T-ball practice going on now. Pura Mireles informed the board members that the Summer Reading Program is always a success. Teresa Bryant suggested advertising the events on the Next Door app. It was brought up that Rendi is having issues trying to post on Next Door with the City's phone. Teresa Bryant asked if she could post on Next Door for the library and was told yes. Betsy Hosick is going to talk to Rendi about Next Door. Teresa Bryant asked who is the IT person to talk to about getting links fixed. Betsy asked how the Meet and Greet for the Town Council Member went. Was told not very well attended and the advertising for the event was discussed. Teresa Bryant asked if we would like to have a table at the Farmer's Market on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Teresa said she could do it after this Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30. It was suggested that we could do book sales there, but decided it was too much. Betsy Hosick asked if the library could do fundraising and was told the Friends of the Library could. She was told the Friends of the Library are meeting on May 3rd and Patti Bradley asked if the joint meeting was still on the table. Pura Mireles told her that the President had not said anything and that he had canceled the last meeting. Told the board about the Easter Craft event. Teresa asked about the Lego Day. Discussed upcoming events. It was noted that the Saturday events seem to be better attended than the Wednesday events. It was suggested that another cookie decorating event be held. Discussed the June calendar. Teresa Bryant asked about the July calendar. Would we continue the events from June. Teresa Bryant asked about science days, if we do any science activities. Pura answered in the affirmative. The police and fire departments presentations were discussed. The other presentations were discussed. Teresa Bryant asked if the volunteers have to

be adults or can you use teenagers. Answered yes on the teenagers. The board members said to call them if we needed help with any events. Teresa Bryant asked about Earth Day event. She is going to post it on the Next Door app. Teresa Bryant is going to post on Next Door app for the book sale on Saturday the 23rd.

4. New Board Member

Betsy Hosick

Betsy Hosick had contacted a possible person to fill the vacant position on the board and she answered that she was not interested. The vacant position was discussed. Teresa Bryant was going to ask someone she knew, but she is out of town until end of month. Liz Baldwin said she would approach a couple of prospects that are patrons of the library about the vacant position.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on May 12, 2022 at:

Laguna Vista Public Library

1300 Palm Blvd.

Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 PM by Betsy Hosick.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: Library Board Members

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board
March 10, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Betsy Hosick

Nicole Ekstrom

Patti Bradley

Absent from Meeting: Pam Meredith

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:20 PM on March 10, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Betsy Hosick.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Officers

Betsy Hosick

One of the board members, David Christopher, had resigned. We asked for nominations for the vacant place. The City Manager, Rendie Gonzales, said she had received a request from a resident to serve on a board. She was going to reach out to the resident, Rachel Crist. She is supposed to reach out to Liz Baldwin.

2. Library Grant

Betsy Hosick

The TSLAC Community Advancement Package (CAP) Grant Application was discussed. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 1, 2022. Nicole Ekstrom is going to apply for the grant for the library. The library is going to try for the technology package to purchase children's computers and the special collection package to assist with the expansion of the library's collection. Nicole Ekstrom asked the library director, Pura Mireles to send grant e-mail to her so she can look it over. We are going to ask for four computers. Nicole Ekstrom said to work up a budget for the grant. Pura Mireles and Liz Baldwin will prepare a budget for the grant. Rendie Gonzales, the city manager is going to get the city's IT person to work up a quote. The technology grant is the primary concern.

3. Events

Betsy Hosick

The March and April calendars were discussed. The book sale proceeds are going to the library revenue. Rendie Gonzales asked if volunteers are needed for the Meet and Greet children's author event. Rendie Gonzales will be attending. Betsy Hosick will volunteer. It was decided that Movie night would be for children and they would be dropped off. Rendie Gonzales suggested partnering with Divots and Bay B Boomers. The parents can drop off their children and then go to Divots or Bay B Boomers for a free appetizer or dessert. Patti Bradley is going to speak to Shirley at Divots. Rendie Gonzales asked how many volunteers for game night. Rendie will approach Bay B Boomers about partnering with library.

The next event discussed was Meet a Council Member. Rendie will approach the council members to see who is interested. One of the members will read a book about government. Liz is going to select the book. The library will be closed the Saturday before Easter for the Town's egg hunt.

The next library board meeting will be April 14, 2022.

Rendie is going to make an account for the Wednesday event with Sign-Up Genius. Betsy asked if we could go through Next Door site as well to sign up volunteers. Earth Day was briefly discussed. Will be discussed further at the next meeting.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on April 14, 2022 at:
Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM by Betsy Hosick.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: Library Board

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Town of Laguna Vista Library
Board
February 10, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Laguna Vista Public Library Meeting Room
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Patti Bradley, Nicole Ekstrom, Pamela Meredith

Absent from Meeting: Betsy Holsick, David Christopher

The regular meeting of the Town of Laguna Vista Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:03 PM on February 10, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library Meeting Room by Nicole Ekstrom.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Approval Of Minutes
Nicole Ekstrom
Minutes were read by members present and approved.
2. Officers
Nicole Ekstrom
Nomination and approval of Patti Bradley as the new member of the board. Patti introduced herself and gave some of her background.
3. Open House
Nicole Ekstrom
Nicole Ekstrom reported on the Open House. Deemed a success.
4. March Events
Nicole Ekstrom
Discussed the upcoming March 5th event. The secretary, Liz Baldwin informed the board members that a local author, Terry Overton, has been booked for a meet and greet. She also informed them that a local children's author, Charlene Adler, is booked

for the first Wednesday evening children's event on March 16th at 5:00. Nicole Ekstrom asked about game night. The director, Pura Mireles reported. Nicole Ekstrom asked if there was anything needed.

5. Reading Challenges

Nicole Ekstrom

Discussed the Dr. Seuss Reading Challenge. Patti Bradley asked about advertising at the school. Pura Mireles informed the members that we advertise through flyers, our on-line card catalog page, and social media. The members suggested challenges for older children and to give rewards for completing the challenges. Suggested a raffle for rewards. Nicole suggested using space at the Eco-Tourism Center. Pura suggested maybe the FOL could help with the gift cards for rewards. Dairy Queen, HEB, Whataburger was suggested for gift cards. Nicole has also been sharing our info with the Brownsville Home School group.

6. April Event

Nicole Ekstrom

The secretary, Liz Baldwin, informed the members that we had penciled in a "meet a council member" for the April Event, Nicole Ekstrom suggested looking at the Harlingen library and Brownsville library page for ideas. She also suggested a Home Schooler Day and was told they could use the meeting room. Nicole also suggested using the Beanstalk challenge. Was told it costs money and none in the library's budget for it. She also informed the board that there is a lady on the Harlingen library's page that reads a bedtime story. She volunteered to read a story that we could post on the library's face book page. Mentioned there is an app for reading where it just shows the book, not the reader. Pam Meredith asked how do we get volunteers to sign up and also when will we get a new sign? Discussed the other events on the calendar (Easter, Earth Day & Dia de los ninos).

7. Friends Of The Library Joint Meeting With Library Board

Nicole Ekstrom

The board members were agreeable to having a joint meeting with the Friends of the Library. We're going to contact Frank, the president of the FOL board.

Patti and Nicole are going to come and volunteer for the Valentine cookie decorating activity on Saturday.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on March 10, 2022 at:

Laguna Vista Public Library

1300 Palm Blvd

Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM by Nicole Ekstrom.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Laguna Vista Public Library
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board
January 27, 2022
6:00 PM

Location of Meeting:

Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

Present at Meeting: Nicole Ekstrom, Pamela Meredith, Betsy Holsick

Absent from Meeting: David Christopher

The regular meeting of the Laguna Vista Library Board of Laguna Vista Public Library was called to order at 6:06 PM on January 27, 2022 at Laguna Vista Public Library by Rendie Gonzales.

I. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was distributed and unanimously approved.

II. Review of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

III. Consideration of Open Issues

1. Financial Report
Rendie Gonzalez
Updated members on the Money Market Account. Balance is \$4,000 as of the meeting.
Said we could use funds to get events going at library.
2. Officers
Rendie Gonzales
Accepted resignation of Board member Anna Backus and asked members if they had any names to nominate. Officers were appointed.
President : Betsy Holsick, Vice President: Nicole Ekstrom, Secretary: Elizabeth Baldwin. One member is needed.
3. Mission Statement
Rendie Gonzales
The mission statement was briefly reviewed and dicussed. for potential changes.
4. City Updates
Rendie Gonzales

Library hours are going to change. Open Saturdays and open late Wednesdays, Closed Sundays and Mondays. The library will host monthly event on Saturdays. First Saturday will be an open house with coffee and pastries and book giveaways. There will be a monthly themes and on Wednesdays there will be interactive events. Rendie wants the Board's help with these things and wants to hear from the community for ideas on how to improve the library. Rendie wants the Library Board to hold monthly meetings and find volunteers. She wants to start the Book Sales again for fundraising, adult reading challenges, technology. Betsy Holsick suggested to accomplish the goals to focus on the community and fundraisers. Rendie suggested to lock in volunteers with a day and a time. Nicole Ekstrom suggested a homeschooler day. Betsy Holsick suggested concentrating on the Winter Texans for help. Rendie wants video recordings of readers to be posted on social media and guest local author events. When the Friends of the Library Board meeting was brought up, Nicole Ekstrom wanted to know how many board members there were and if it was non profit. She said she does grant writing. We will use Feb., Mar., and Apr. to work out kinks with all the new changes. Nicole Ekstrom asked if the CDC could give money to library. Wants the children's area and have a green space outside. Wants to use the town resources for readers and events. Betsy Holsick suggested an incentive for Open House event: get a free book if you bring a person to sign up for a library card. There was a motion to increase the limit of items that can be checked out from 4 to 7. Betsy seconded it. The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Meeting Time

Rendie Gonzales

A regular meeting time was decided. It will be the second Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm.

IV. Agenda and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on February 10, 2022 at:
Laguna Vista Public Library
1300 Palm Blvd
Laguna Vista, Texas 78578

The agenda for the next meeting is as follows:
To be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM by Rendie Gonzales.

Minutes submitted by: Elizabeth Baldwin

Minutes approved by: The Board Members