

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 01, 2004

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 01, 2004. A quorum was not present.

Board Members present: Stan Chapman (Chairman), Chris Blackmon, Laura Dyer, Joe Specht , and Dr. John Tyson

Board Members absent: Maryana Harrell, Elizabeth Rankin, David Scott, Brian Scalf, and Janie Perez

Also attending: Tony Neitzler (Assistant Director of Community Services), Ricki Brown (City Librarian), and Kim St. Clair (Administrative Assistant II).

Media present: None

Mr. Chapman called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

Mr. Chapman moved to the informational items of the agenda since the group lacked a quorum.

Ms. Brown introduced Beatrice Takacs, Librarian III Big Country Library System Coordinator, who had received 25 year service award. She then introduced Joyce Vespremi, Librarian I, who also received a 25 year service award. Linda Cavanaugh, Library Assistant II, was recognized for receiving a 10 year service award. Tremain Jackson was recognized for being promoted to librarian I and taking the position left vacant by Melody Norman-Camp. She mentioned to the Board that three staff members are retiring. Jo West has already retired. Lila Jefferson will retire in December and Beatrice Takacs will retire in January.

The painting and carpeting projects are beginning with spec and contract writing. The new service desks will be arriving this month. Abilene Library Consortium will be re locating their offices to the Boy Scout Office building on North 5th due to the acquisition of the One City Center building to AISD. This move will coincide with ALC's change in Internet service provider to Cox Cable.

Loan Star monies in the amount of \$11,890 have been allocated to provide wireless access here at the Main Library.

Mr. Chapman reported on the work of the nominating committee and as the chairman will request the names of Stewart Caffey and Jane Hingstrial be submitted. He also said they had another interested person and if it works out he will submit their name as well.

Ms. Brown then handed out and briefly reviewed the PLA statistical survey.

Ms. Brown then gave a brief Friends of the Library report and mentioned that the annual membership meeting would be in one week. The Friends will also be providing Briarstone catering for the annual holiday luncheon for the Staff in December.

Work with the Strategic Plan is continuing with the formation of a facilities working group. Their task will be to study how to better utilize space here at the library. The consultants will return in December to present the Strategic Plan to the City Council at the December 2nd meeting.

Ms. Brown then presented a small token of appreciation to Dr. Tyson for his years of service on the Board.

Mr. Chapman then called the meeting adjourned at 4:44 pm as a quorum was still not present to conduct voting items on the agenda. The next meeting will be February 7th, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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