

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2005

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 02, 2005. A quorum was present.

Board Members present: David Scott (chairman), Chris Blackmon, Joe Specht (vice chairman), Laura Dyer, Maryana Harrell, and Stewart Caffey

Board Members absent: Stan Chapman, Brian Scalf, Jane Seamster and one position vacant

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

Media present: None

Mr. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Mr. Scott called for a motion to approve of the minutes of February 7, 2005 as presented. Laura Dyer motioned for approval and Joe Specht seconded. All present voted their approval.

Ms. Ginna Sadler was introduced as the newest Board Member.

Ms. Brown began her report by honoring several staff members who recently received service awards: Marie Noe (25 years), Jeanie Heath (10 years), Cynthia Gault (5 years), Blue Garcia (5 years), Tremain Jackson (5 years), and Margie Sanchez (5 years).

Mr. John Pecoraro was introduced to the Board as the new Coordinator for Big Country Library System, which was a promotion from Branch Manager for John. Terri Blackwell, formerly acquisition librarian/cataloger, was introduced as the new Assistant Coordinator for Big Country Library System. Ms. Brown informed the board that the Big Country Library System has 44 member libraries in a geographical area the size of South Carolina. She also said that John has already visited 42 of the 44 libraries since assuming his duties.

Most of the vacancies generated by the promotion and transfers have been filled and Ms. Brown introduced Tremain Jackson who was promoted to Branch Manager. Andrew Wright, Librarian II, was introduced as Terri Blackwell's replacement. Ms. Brown explained that there is still a vacancy left by the promotion of Tremain, a Librarian I for Information Services.

Ms. Brown reported on the carpeting project has had the contract signed and installation has been scheduled for next week on the 9th and 10th.

The Books on Wheels program has recently received a boost with the addition of 63 new participants. This has made it necessary to purchase more bags to transport the materials. Ms. Brown is proud of the success of this program that is entering into its third year. Meals on Wheels has been wonderful in helping with the program and they are proud support as it improves the quality of life for their participants.

Wireless access is now available at the Main Library as well as the Branch. Ms. Brown reported that the funding was again made available from the Loan Star funds provided by the State Library.

Ms. Brown honored HEB for their support of the Summer Reading Club this year. She also would like to acknowledge the Friends who again have provided funding for billboards promoting the summer program that last year had 4,000 participants.

Ms. Brown also mentioned the upcoming funded Capital Improvement Projects were announced and included a new boiler for the library.

Mr. Scott said he is very excited about the things the library does.

The Annual Report to the Texas State Library was then handed out to the Board by Ms. Brown.

Maryanna Harrell was then asked to give a report on membership nominations. She reported that she had several candidates. The board gave her the go ahead to submit the names to Ricki Brown for City Council approval as soon as she has contacted them for their consent.

The Facilities Working Group was then discussed.

Mr. Scott called the meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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