

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 1, 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, Stan Chapman, Ginna Sadler, Brian Scalf, and Joe Specht (vice chairman)

Board Members absent: Stewart Caffey, Laura Dyer, Maryana Harrell, Jane Seamster, and one position vacant

Attending also: 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 4:08 p.m. a quorum was present. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to accept the minutes of May 2, 2005 as presented. Joe Specht motioned for approval and Chris Blackmon seconded. Motion carried with Chris Blackmon, Stan Chapman, Ginna Sadler, Brian Scalf and Joe Specht approving. Mr. Scott abstained.

Ms. Brown began her report by introducing Adam Holland, the new Librarian I in Information Services. She told the Board that the library welcomes his world experience as he was born here in Abilene, but had lived the last eight and half years in Australia.

The Main Library renovations are progressing the carpeting project is finished and painting the interior to begin soon. The contract has been awarded. After the painting is finished a Mural project will begin for the children's dept. that is being funded by the Junior League of Abilene.

The library has one Custodian position open and unfilled pending recommendations by the City to either contract out custodial duties or unify under one department. Decision is expected by October 1st.

Board membership vacancies coming up in November include Laura Dyer who is rotating off. Bryan Scalf has agreed to serve again. Stan Chapman's and Joe Specht are undetermined as yet. Possible board appointment recommendations were discussed.

The Bond Committee established to recommend to City Council various capital projects for an upcoming bond election will hear a presentation for a permanent South Branch location by Ricki Brown. Ms Brown, Mr. Hall and Mr. Neitzler answered many questions that the Board Members had regarding this capital project. Mr. Specht asked if it was alright for members of the Board to be present at the meeting to show support for the project. Mr. Hall said the meetings are open to the public although it is difficult to gauge when the library presentation will happen. The committee is adhering

to a strict schedule with a break during the session to hear comments from the people attending the meeting. It was asked if Ricki Brown could contact members so they can attend the meeting where she is scheduled to present. Staff indicated they would contact them keeping in mind the meeting planned might go over until the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion moved on to the Lay Representative to Big Country Library System. Ricki Brown said that Stewart Caffey is willing to serve at this position. It was asked if anyone present might be interested. After some discussion a motion was presented by Stan to elect Mr. Caffey to the position and seconded by Joe Specht. The motion carried with David Scott, Chris Blackmon, Stan Chapman, Ginna Sadler, Brian Scaff, and Joe Specht approving. There were no abstentions or dissensions.

Marie Noe gave a recap report on the Summer Reading Program for this year which had 3,964 children and 667 teens registered.

Ginna Sadler gave a brief Friends report and indicated that gross sales from the book sale were \$48,000. The Friends are now gearing up for the Book & Author Festival September 24th with guest speaker Liz Carpenter.

The next meeting will be November 7, 2005

Mr. Scott called the meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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