

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 7, 2005

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 7, 2005. A quorum was present.

Board Members present: David Scott (chairman), Stan Chapman, Laura Dyer, Maryana Harrell, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht (vice chairman)

Board Members absent: Chris Blackmon, Stewart Caffey, Brian Scalf, Jane Seamster, and Nancy Stephenson

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 4:08 p.m. a quorum was present. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to accept the minutes of August 1, 2005 as presented. Joe Specht motioned for approval and Chris Blackmon seconded. Motion carried with David Scott, Stan Chapman, Laura Dyer, Maryana Harrell, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht.

Ms. Brown began her report with a brief update of completed and up coming projects. The elevator maintenance is completed and the mural project for the Storytime Room is beginning today. The library will be closed for Veteran's Day and the library will also be closed for Christmas Eve.

Darla Casella provided a hand out and explained the library's Baby Steps programming. She explained that she attended a workshop provided by Texas State Library and implemented the program for our library. The program is for infants up to one year old.

Ms. Brown gave an update on the Bond Committee. The presentation went well and Shirley Baber from the Friends of the Library spoke in open session. Ms. Brown said the presentation sparked needs for additional information that she worked quickly to provide them. She explained one of the questions she had to address was the use of the collection in FY2004 by the other institutions of higher education and she said their usage is quite substantial with 80,000 items being borrowed from the public library collection. It was announced that the Friends of the Library are pledging \$200,000 to the City in support for the project.

After additional discussion, Ms. Brown passed out copies of the Library Data Service Statistical Survey. She explained various aspects of the survey and where Abilene Public Library falls with other public libraries of the same size.

Ms. Sadler gave a brief Friends report. She reported that the Book and Author Festival was a success, but the revenue numbers have yet to be fully confirmed.

The next meeting will be February 6, 2006

Mr. Scott called the meeting adjourned at 5:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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