

**ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 5, 2007 (Corrected approved)**

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, February 5, 2007. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: David Scott (Chairman), Stewart Caffey, Stan Chapman, Maryanna Harrell, Joe Specht (Vice Chairman), Ginna Sadler, and John Williams

Board Members Absent: Bryan Scalf, Jean Stark

Others Attending: Tony Neitzler (Assistant Director of Community Services), Ricki Brown (City Librarian), David Vela (Assistant City Manager), Dennis Miller (Librarian II) Kim St. Clair (Library Administrative Assistant II), and Dennis Regan

Media present: None

Mr. Scott called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. a quorum was present. Mr. Scott asked for a motion to accept the minutes of November 6, 2006 as corrected and presented. Joe Specht motioned for approval and Ginna Sadler seconded. Motion carried with David Scott, Maryanna Harrell, Joe Specht, Ginna Sadler, and John Williams voting affirmative. Stan Chapman was not yet present for the vote.

The meeting began with a special presentation; David Villa, Assistant City Manager, presented a special Letter of Commendation from the City Council for outstanding customer service to Dennis Miller, Librarian II in the Information Services Department at the Main Library. Mr. Vela made several references to the great service that Dennis Miller has performed through his work with the Downtown Association and eleven years of exceptional patron service in his work at the library. A specific reference was made to work Dennis had completed for Mrs. Robin Fletcher of Lubbock, by tracking down seventy items by call number alone. Dennis had also shown great passion for customer service by implementing a training program for library staff.

Ms. Brown began her report by explaining that the library is working proactively trying to reach teen and young adult patrons by creating a library "My Space" teen page that was developed by Tremain Jackson, Librarian II and South Branch Manager. The other new service, MP3 audio books, has also been well received and since January 18<sup>th</sup> has already had 76 check outs and has 29 regular users.

The drive-in accident at the branch library is well on its way to be mended yet again. The new shelving has been ordered and once more ACU loaned us the stack movers for the carpet installation. As always, the staff was great at pitching in to make it all happen. The most fortunate thing is that no one was injured in the accident. Bollards have been installed to prevent this from happening in the future.

An update on board member recruitment was given and with Dennis Regan being the newest member application that was submitted. This leaves still one opening. Ms. Brown said she would pass along any suggested names the board members might know of. Mr. Regan commented that the library board could also have a booth at the next City University in March.

Mr. Scott proceeded with the election of new officers. Mr. Specht nominated Dr. Williams for chairman by acclamation and this was seconded by Mr. Chapman. Mr. Chapman nominated Mr. Caffey as vice-chairman and Ms. Sadler seconded the motion. The election of these officers was unanimously approved by David Scott, Stan Chapman, Maryanna Harrell, Ginna Sadler, Joe Specht, Stewart Caffey and John Williams.

Ms. Sadler gave the Friends report and mentioned that the new president Nancy Brock started the year with a retreat held here at the library. It was a great brainstorming session and included a scavenger hunt to familiarize the Board Members to the library. Several things are in the forefront as priorities with Ms. Brock. She wants to help enhance the library profile and improve the library's publicity and acceptance as a selling point on attracting new business and families to Abilene. She would also like to give the Northside Branch Project a kick start. Several members of the board commented that Ms. Brock has taken on big challenges and should be commended. A suggestion for Ms. Brock to come speak to the Board was made.

Mr. Specht thanked Mr. Scott for being chairman and commented that he'd done a great job. Mr. Scott commented that Ms. Brown made his job easy and she should be commended also.

The next meeting will be May 7, 2007.

Mr. Scott called the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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