

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2013

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Main Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, May 6, 2013. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Robert Carleton (Chairman), Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Patricia Nail, Dennis Regan and Ginna Sadler

Board Members Absent: Debra Lillick (Vice-Chair), and Joe Specht

Others Attending: James Childers (Director of Community Services), Lesli Andrews (Assistant Director Community Services), Ricki Brown (City Librarian), Teresa James (Assistant City Attorney) and Kim St. Clair (Library Administrative Assistant II).

Media present: None

Mr. Carleton called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. There was a quorum present. He asked for any corrections to the minutes of February 4, 2013 and March 19, 2013. There being one correction to the heading "Workshop" for minutes of March 19, 2013; Mr. Carleton requested a show of hands to approve the minutes as with correction. Robert Carleton, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Patricia Nail, Dennis Regan and Ginna Sadler approved the minutes.

Mr. Carleton greeted the Board and thanked them for their attendance.

Ms. Brown began the Director's report indicating that over three hundred children came through the library for Dia Los Ninos programs. The Summer Reading clubs fliers have been distributed to the children of the Wylie and Abilene School districts. Each child will be given a flyer to take home. Excitement is booming about the upcoming C.A.L.F. Festival on June 14th & 15th. The library will be doing pirates this year with 6 readings a day scheduled. The library will be also hosting a Seymour Statue provided by the Cultural Affairs Council.

Ms. Brown announced the two City Bus wrapped to promote the library received an honorable mention in the publicity category at TLA Conference. This was funded by the Friends of the Library.

The AARP tax aide program was again a great success this year. The group would like to hold a program one night next year due to participant requests.

Mr. Carleton then opened discussion of the proposed Library Board By-Laws. Teresa James with legal has gone over the draft and has made minor language changes that are appropriate for By Laws. After the Board approves the By-Laws still have to be approved and adopted by the City Council. After a short discussion a motion to accept the By-Laws was made by Ginna Sadler and seconded by Dennis Regan. A show of hands approved the By-Laws by all members present: Robert Carleton, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Patricia Nail, Dennis Regan and Ginna Sadler.

MS. Casada then gave a Friends of the Library report by talking about the last Texas Author Series program held today at noon with author Leslie Wilson speaking about her book, A Scrapbook of Motherhood Firsts. The Friends of the Library remain very active in library support by providing funding for library staff to attend the annual Texas Library Association Conference. The Book Sale is fast approaching, June 13th through June 16th. Nell Carter and Linda Warden are heading up the volunteers and Ms. Casada urged the Board to volunteer at this event. New to the Book Sale this year will be the ability to accept payments by Credit/Debit cards with First Financial donating/absorbing the costs of this service.

Ms. Casada also reminded the Board to mark this year's Boots & Books luncheon on their calendar for September 28th. She indicated that underwriters of \$500 and \$1,000 per table are being accepted and individual tickets will be \$25.00. One of speakers this year will be Kay Bailey Hutchinson and due to this the tickets are expected to go quickly.

Mr. Carleton then gave a report about his attendance at the Texas Library Association Conference. He indicated that this year there were no programs directed to Boards or Friends groups. He did attend several programs. He also said it was useful to hear the President Elect on empowering values through library literacy.

In conclusion, Mr. Carleton added that the Books Sale will have a "Bumper Crop" of books and is expected to be a huge success. He wants to give attention to all the companies that provide goods and services to the sale to thank them for without their help the sale would be more difficult to conduct. He added that one of the nicest comments received by attendees from outside Abilene is that our book sale is the best organized sale they have ever attended.

Mr. Carleton adjourned the meeting at 4:55 PM mentioning the next meeting will be on August 5, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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