

**ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 5, 2013 (corrected)**

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Main Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, August 5, 2013. A quorum was present.

Board Members Present: Robert Carleton (Chairman), Debra Lillick (Vice-Chair), Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman (late arrival), Tiffany Fink, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht

Board Members Absent: Patricia Nail, and Dennis Regan

Others Attending: James Childers (Director of Community Services), Ricki Brown (City Librarian), Anne Ellis, (Librarian II) 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 May 6, 2013. After some discussion the minutes were approved as presented by show of hands by Robert Carleton, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Debra Lillick, Ginna Sadler, and Joe Specht.

Ms. Brown began her report by praising Librarian I, Tony Redman, for 20 years of service. He will go before the City Council this Thursday at 8:30 to receive his service award.

All library facilities will close for half a day for staff training on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. All facilities will open from 2:00 P.M through 6:00 PM.

The library has received grant awards from two groups. Target Corporation provided \$2,000 for Children's e-book service and Southwest Rotary Club gave \$700 to enhance children's materials at the Mockingbird Branch. The C.A.L.F. festival is expected to be a great event this year and preparations are well under way for the library's programs for the summer. City Council will finalize the revised budget this week and in two weeks the 2014 budget will be finalized.

Anne Ellis gave a report on the ABC's of Word and Excel classes being held at Mockingbird that have been well received.

After some discussion concerning the State Legislature and Libraries and the State Library's situation, Ms. Casada gave a Friends report. She proudly announced that the Friends of the Abilene Public Library received the "Branding Award" from the Texas Library Association for the wrapping of two City Buses. A picture of our buses appeared in Texas Library Journal in recognition of the award. Ms Casada reported the Friends suspended meetings for June and July due to all the activities from the book sale that was a huge success again this year. The Festival is shaping up for September and she asked the members of the board to support this event by volunteering.

Ms. Casada stated that Mr. Carleton did a great job leading the book sale this year with gross sales of \$56,000. First Financial provided debit/credit card service contributing 40% of the sales for the event. This donation was a huge improvement and great thanks for First Financial for providing this service. She reported that key leadership positions will need new volunteers in the coming 2014 book sale. This year the volunteers were given aprons to wear while working to help easy identification by other volunteers and customers alike. The aprons were very popular and it was decided they would not be for sale, but used exclusively for events.

Mr. Carleton adjourned the meeting at 4:50 PM mentioning the next meeting will be on November 4th, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim St. Clair  
Library Administrative Assistant II