

ABILENE PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 4, 2015

The Abilene Public Library Board met in the Conference Room of the Library at 4:00 P.M., Monday, November 4, 2015. A quorum was present.

Board Members present: Debra Lillick (Vice-Chairman), Clint Buck, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Dennis Regan, and Joe Specht

Board Members absent: Rob Carleton (Chairman), Patricia Nail, and Ginna Sadler

Also attending: Lesli Andrews (Assistant Director of Community Services), Lori Grumet (City Librarian), Kellie Messer, (Assistant City Attorney), and Kim St. Clair (Administrative Assistant II),

Media present: None

Ms. Lillick called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Ms. Lillick gave a brief report on the absence of Board Chairman, Rob Carleton. She suggested the Board look over the minutes of September 9, 2015 and then asked for a motion to accept the Minutes as presented if there were no corrections. Carrie Casada made a motion to accept the minutes as presented and Joe Specht seconded. The minutes were approved with a show of hands by Debra Lillick, Clint Buck, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Dennis Regan, and Joe Specht .

Ms. Grumet went over the written library activities report with the Board. She updated the Board on the South Branch Library Project and indicated plans are moving forward with the architects and construction contractor. There are still some issues to be worked out about the parking spaces and the exterior.

Ms. Grumet then reported on the Strategic Plan needing to be distilled down to be more distinct. She is working with that committee and hope to have something ready in the coming months. She also reported the roof is nearing completion. The future maker's space in the basement is going to be in the custodial workroom and efforts cleaning out the space for this purpose are progressing.

Teen Space area project is moving forward and there are plans to through a big welcome party to the space in January. IT is still working on the computers.

The Dyess P4 materials conversion project for the South Branch is moving forward well with the assistance of several volunteers including Mr. Regan. The visits for the new base personnel have also been very good and well received.

Ms. Grumet commented that she is approaching her first year anniversary and she appreciates all the input from the Board and she is pleased by all the things being accomplished.

Ms. Casada then began her Friends of the Library report by sharing progress of fundraising for the South Branch Project with 1.3 Million being raised. She added that this is all very exciting to have Public/Private collaboration to make a huge benefit for the community. She added the wonderful financial support of local foundations has been tremendous.

Ms. Grumet began discussion of the collection development policy by indicating she is getting good feedback from the staff. Dr. Fink mentioned that the collection policy is important in order to maintain historical aspects for the City and County and this area of weeding needs to be skillfully handled. Ms. Grumet added extreme care will be taken and she would welcome her expertise and other volunteers to help in that area. Mr. Chapman made a suggestion to feature some of these historical items in a 2

minute newscast to help highlight the buried treasure in our collection. Ms. Casada also added that the library's collection needs to contain a lot of diversity.

Ms. Lillick indicated the New Business agenda item of adopting of the Volunteer Policy needing Board approval is next up for the Board meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the updated policy. A motion was presented by Stan Chapman and Clink Buck seconded the motion. Debra Lillick, Clint Buck, Carrie Casada, Stan Chapman, Tiffany Fink, Dennis Regan, and Joe Specht verbally voted to adopt the policy.

Ms. Grumet then introduced a potential new Board Member who works as Public Relations for the radio station La Voz, Michael Carrisalez.

Ms. Lillick adjourned the meeting at 5:03.

Respectfully submitted,

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