

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
PALESTINE PUBLIC LIBRARY §

The Library Board of the City of Palestine, Texas Palestine Public Library convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mall Conference Room at 2000 South Loop 256, Palestine, Texas with the following people present:

CYNTHIA THORNTON	CHAIRPERSON
SHIRLEY CAMPBELL	SECRETARY
ROSEMARY MILLER	BOARDMEMBER
BONNIE WOOLVERTON	BOARDMEMBER
THERESA HOLDEN	DIRECTOR

Boardmembers Calhoun, Herrington, and Sepulveda, President Haywood Harris of the Friends Board and President Ron Safford of the Memorial Board were absent.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Thornton called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. as a quorum was present.

Boardmember Herrington joined the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Campbell presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 4, 2012. Boardmember Herrington moved the minutes be approved, seconded by Boardmember Woolverton. Upon vote, motion passed 5-0.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY FRIENDS

In the absence of Friends Board President Harris, no report was given. Director Holden announced that the Friends of Library Annual Meeting and Banquet is set for February 28, 2013.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY MEMORIAL

In the absence of Memorial Board President Safford, no report was given. Director Holden announced that the Piano and Organ Concert sponsored by the Palestine Public Library and the Memorial Board will be February 9, 2013.

Boardmember Sepulveda joined the meeting.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

1. MONTHLY BALANCE STATEMENT – Director Holden reviewed the December 2012 financials.
2. STATISTICAL REPORT – Director Holden reported on library activities for December 2012.
3. BTOP GRANT UPDATE – This year the Texas State Library will pay for Learning Express, which frees up some BTOP funds for local use. The library plans to purchase a new server for the library computer network.
4. AMNESTY WEEK – When approved, Amnesty Week will be during the first week in March.
5. PERSONNEL – Director Holden announced that Pedro Chavez is the Senior Library Assistant.

6. SIGNAGE/FACILITIES/FURNISHINGS – Other businesses in the Mall are open at hours when the library is closed, so the library needs its own specialized Security System. Director Holden will begin to look into different systems. She is also awaiting bids from three local carpenters to build the case for the bust of John H. Reagan, to install the panels on the ends of library shelves, and to hang the ornate library doors.
7. FEMA UPDATE – Director Holden will participate in the on-line Federal Emergency Independent Study Program that will certify her to give assistance in the event of a major disaster or emergency.
8. PROGRAM CALENDAR – Director Holden distributed the January program calendar.

REPORT FROM COMMITTEES

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. LETTER FROM ANDERSON COUNTY LITERACY COUNCIL/Maxine Barnette – Because the Palestine Public Library is supported by city and county tax funding, along with a state library grant, the Library Board does not have the authority to redirect those funds to any other group or agency.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SUMMER READING CLUB BUDGET REQUEST – Boardmember Herrington moved to approve the budget request; seconded by Boardmember Woolverton. Upon vote, motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Boardmember Miller made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Boardmember Woolverton. Upon vote, motion passed 6-0. With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.


Cynthia Thornton, Chair


Shirley Campbell, Secretary