

Harper Library Board Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025

Location: Harper Library

Present: Scot Danner, Vice President; Chuck Leinweber, Director; Mari Praisewater, Treasurer; Jo Ann Chunn, Secretary; Sivalee Mauldin, Director; Ellen Williams, Director

Absent: Tomi Pugh

Guests: Linda Lee, Cindy Barkley, Sandra Leinweber, Susan McMahon, Sharon Kasper

Call to Order: 4:30

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments:

Susan McMahon mentioned that there once was a Harper Help Center, which had food, furniture, etc. distributed bi-monthly. It ceased to exist when a building to store and distribute the items was no longer available.

According to Susan, there has been mention on Facebook of a Harper 4-H plan for a food bank. Fiona from the Gillespie County Extension Office said it was supposed to be in place by October 8, but no space has been found to accommodate it.

She asked for several options to be considered: a stand placed out in front and/or a metal container for storage, or someplace with easy access for donors to bring food.

Discussion revealed that some thought that a hot container would not be acceptable for food storage, that our parking lot will not accommodate a lot of extra cars for workers and/or recipients, but that there are other options in Harper, including the First Baptist Church, which is considering some sort of food pantry.

Linda Lee mentioned that the Catholic church has several food programs: Food-For-Kids and Meals-On-Wheels, so there is and has been efforts to supply food to those suffering from food scarcity.

Denise Mozingo mentioned a survey from the Central Texas Food Bank (See comments made under directors reports).

Minutes: Chuck Leinweber moved to approve minutes; Mari Praisewater seconded; approved

President's Update: none

Communications: none

Treasurer's Report: Attached

Resale Shop Team Monthly Reports and Ebay update: Attached

Library Director's Monthly Report: Attached

Denise reported that the Central Texas Food Bank is asking that the Harper Library help with a survey, which is only available online and is used to help identify food scarcity in Gillespie County. Assistance would be given to anyone who comes in asking for help in

filing out the survey by getting the link open on the computer or with reading the survey.

The information, along with a QR code to access the survey, has been posted on the resale shop's and library's doors. The flyer with the survey information has also been placed in other places in the community.

A \$20 Gift card to Walmart or HEB will be given to each family who fills out a survey. The board agreed that the gift cards can be held at the library and distributed to those who fill out surveys. Central Food Bank will provide the names of those who will receive the gift cards. If it is determined that there is a need in Harper, a mobile unit would come to Harper for distribution of food monthly.

New Business:

1. Appoint budget committee: Mari moved that Sandy Nash, Denise Mozingo, and Mari Praisewater be appointed to serve on the committee; Chuck seconded; approved.
2. Landscaping company to replace east wooden fence with bushes & boulders: Scot moved that this be tabled till the next meeting. Ellen Williams seconded; approved.

Old Business:

1. Roof repair update... Total roofing
Chuck reported that the replacement of the peak vents on the roof has been completed, and an invoice will be forthcoming.
2. Rainwater catchment tank clean and repair update: Denise has tried in vain to contact a company willing to return her calls. She is still trying.

Adjournment: 5:05

Signed after approval at the next board meeting

President, Tomi Pugh

Secretary, Jo Ann Chunn

Date

Next meeting on November 17, 2025