

**Texas
Nonprofit-Governed
Public Libraries
Together**

July 30, 2015 Meeting



Nonprofit-Governed Texas Public Libraries discussion group

District 7
Friday, Sept. 25
Fort Worth

District 5
Friday – Saturday,
Oct. 16-17
Location TBD

Chico Public Library
Chico

Rhame Library
Rhame

St. Jo Public Library
St. Jo

Gunter Library and Museum
Gunter

District 2
Tuesday, Sept. 22
Amarillo

District 9
Saturday, Sept. 19
Lubbock

Bertha Voyer Memorial Library
Honey Grove

Gladys Johnson Ritchie Library
Jacksboro

Commerce Public Library
Commerce

District 1
Saturday, Sept. 26
Abilene

Tri-County Library
Mabank

West Public Library
West

Face-to-Face Meeting Location Possibilities

District 6
Saturday, Nov. 7
El Paso

Harper Library
Harper

Waskom Public Library
Waskom

Stella Hill Memorial Library
Aledo

McMullen Memorial Library
Huntinton

Lakehills Area Library
Lakehills

New Waverly Public Library
New Waverly

Eula & David Wintermann Library
Eagle Lake

Joe Barnhart Bee County Library
Beeville

District 3
Friday, October 16
Austin

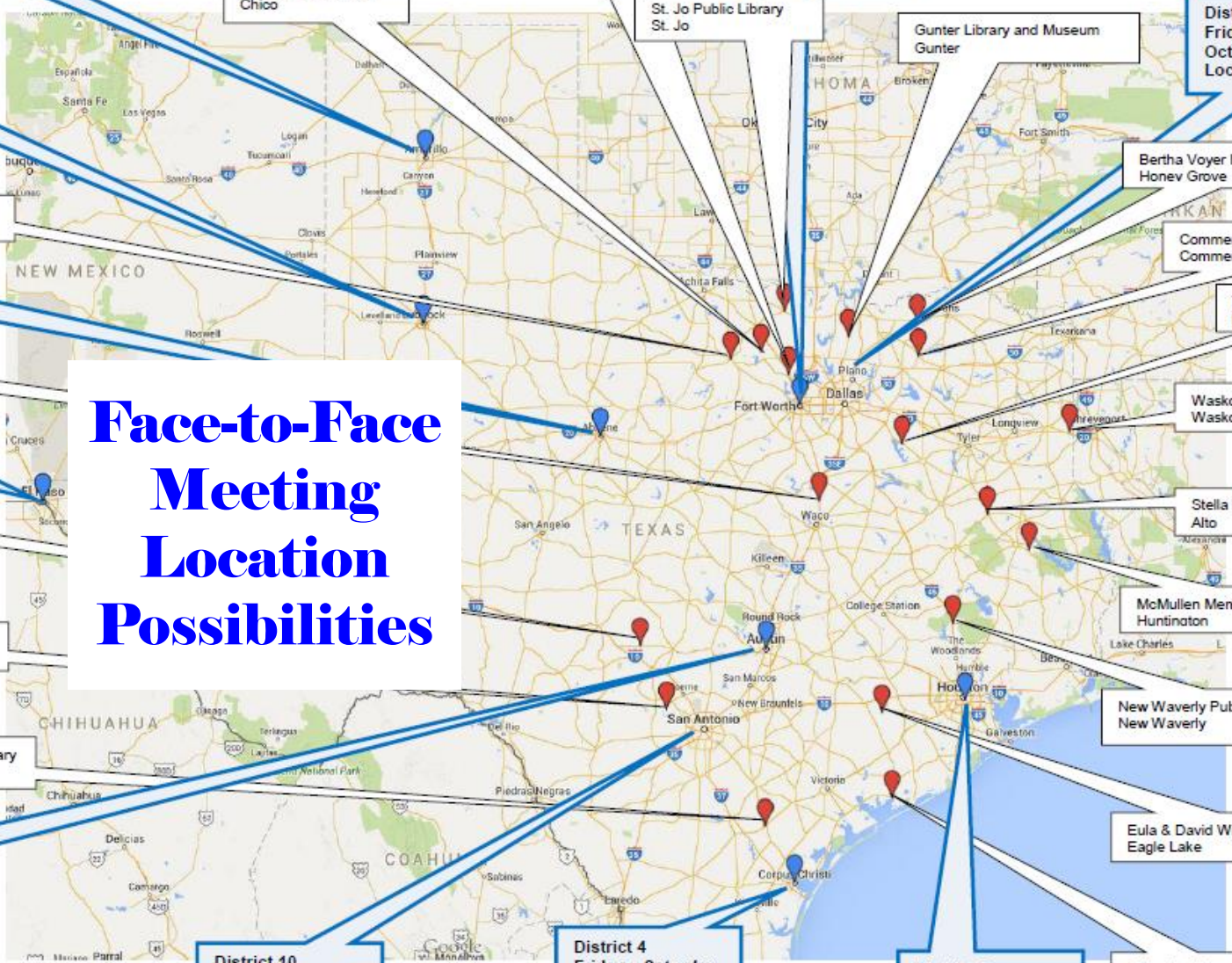
District 10
Saturday, Oct. 10
San Antonio

District 4
Friday – Saturday,
Nov. 12-13
Corpus Christi

District 8
Saturday, Sept. 26
Univ. of Houston

Palacios Library, Inc.
Palacios

Facilitators:
dona weisman & Judy Daniluk



Set Meeting Day and Time

1st

2nd

3rd

4th

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

9 am

9:30 am

10 am

10:30 am

11 am

11:30 am

NOON

12:30 pm

1 pm

1:30 pm

2 pm

2:30 pm

3 pm

3:30 pm

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Webinar Review

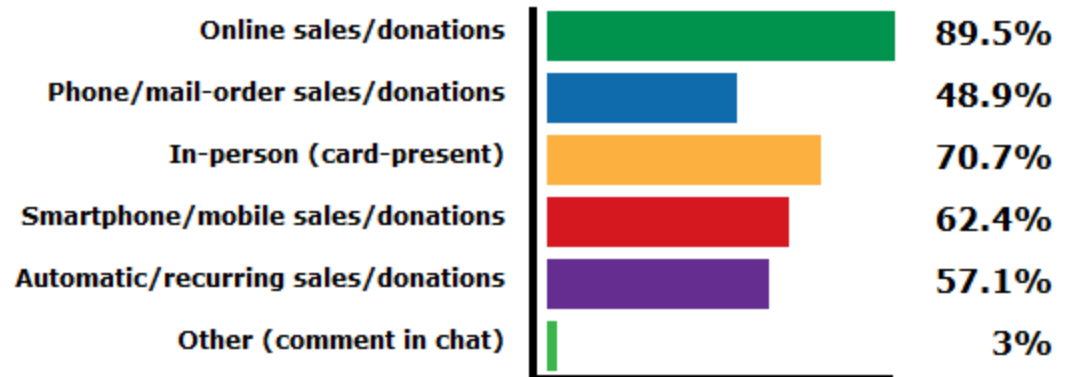
Navigating Payment Processing for Nonprofits

The following is quoted from the page where the webinar is archived:

Payment gateways, merchant accounts, credit card terminals, oh my! Overwhelmed by the credit card payment options out there and unsure of how to select the right one for your organization's needs? You've come to the right webinar! TechSoup and [Dharma Merchant Services](#)' Nick Bencivenga give a jargon-free walk-through of what all those things mean and some tips on selecting the right services for your organization.

Results of a Participant Poll just before the webinar began

I'm interested in credit card processing in these ways (select any):





dharma
Merchant Services

Commerce with Compassion



Accepting Credit Cards and Electronic Payments

TechSoup Webinar

July 23, 2015

http://www.techsoup.org/community/events-webinars/navigating-payment-processing-for-nonprofits?utm_source=readytalk&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=webinar-20150723



Webinar Review

Navigating Payment Processing for Nonprofits

Nick Bencivenga clearly defined, explained and discussed the following:

- Merchant accounts & why they're needed,
- Entities involved in all credit card transactions,
- How credit card processing works,
- Card association fees,
- Possible traps,
- Nonprofit advantage,
- More about the different types of payments,
and
- Lots MORE!

Book Sales Frequency

Q: Can you tell me the source and accuracy of the following:

Friends groups have two 24-hour periods per year during which they may conduct sales without having to pay sales tax to the State Comptroller. They may sell books beyond those two dates but must pay sales tax on the resulting income.

A: This topic relates to tax legalities, and of course we don't address such, so you will want to confirm everything with your legal counsel. That said, however, I believe that the information you are seeking is related to libraries established as a non-profit 501(c)3 entity, in addition to the non-profit Friends established in the same "non-profit" way.

Take a look at the exemptions in Texas Tax Code, Title 2, Subtitle E, Chapter 121, Section 151.310. In particular, look at 151.310c (<http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/TX/htm/TX.151.htm>).

"...two tax-free, one-day sales or auctions during a calendar year..." .

There is also a document from the state Comptroller's office that you may find useful "Exempt Organizations: Sales and Purchases" which can be found in PDF format at http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxpubs/tx96_122.pdf

I hope this information is helpful to your research. Please let us know if you have additional questions.

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Library Developments blog = <https://www.tsl.texas.gov/ld/librarydevelopments>

Guns in Texas Nonprofit Public Libraries

From email communication between dona weisman and State Librarian Mark Smith:

dona (7-29-15): I just read your message about guns in public libraries, as posted on one of the CTLS listservs. I'm hoping that, as you develop the related FAQ, you'll include information regarding guns in nonprofit-governed public libraries. Are those brick-and-mortar sites considered to be the home of the nonprofit (in which case it *seems* that whatever law relates to guns in nonprofit facilities would apply) or does the government-entity public libraries rule kick in when/if the nonprofit contracts with local government/s for library services? What if the nonprofit receives no local government funding?

Mark (7-29-15): We'll delve further into the issue to see what we can find out, but if the public library is operated by a city or county, they don't seem to have the option to prohibit persons with permits from bringing in guns. Non-profits that receive no public funds might have the option to restrict them—we will find out.

Mark (7-30-15): I checked in with our OAG attorney again today on this point. His interpretation is that the determining factor is who owns the library. If it is a private library operated by a non-profit organization, the library would probably have the right to prohibit handguns on the premises, but they would have to post a sign to that effect that conforms to the specifications contained in the Texas Penal Code § 30.06. In his opinion, whether they take public funds is not relevant.

Disclaimer that we are not lawyers and this is not to be read as a legal opinion. This is our best reading of the statutes with some advice from our legal counsel.

I hope that helps. Thanks for raising the question. We are still researching this and this question will be added to our FAQ.