

Meeting of the Friends of the Lake Travis Community Library
September 18, 2014

In Attendance: Helen Kott, Margaret McDermott, Mimi King, Diane Taylor, Maureen Mulrooney, Nancy Pencsak, Jana Dodd, Tim Toler, Amy Holland, Cheryl Stewart, Carol Bosse, Jean Hennagin, Joan Buzzard, Sue Gilman, Deanna Davis-Turner, Elizabeth Walden, Joyce Botta, Morgan McMillian, Danielle Wilson, Sharon Rogers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by President Jana Dodd.

Minutes: The May 15th minutes were presented. Nancy Pencsak moved that minutes be approved and Diane Taylor seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and are attached.

Treasurer's Report: Amy Holland gave the treasurer's report. She reported that the Friends transferred \$15,000 to the Library District. Contributions to the Library now total \$157,000. Margaret McDermott moved to approve the treasurer's report with Helen Kott seconding; the motion passed. The report is attached.

Volunteer Report: Danielle Wilson reported that there are a few open slots for adults on the schedule, but the teen schedule is filled with experienced and new workers on all shifts. The summer schedule went well but Danielle is recommending a three month commitment for the teen program next summer for more continuity.

Lake Travis Library District Board Meeting: Margaret McDermott attended the District Board meeting. The library is in good shape financially and sales tax revenue continues to increase. Volunteers are needed to attend meetings for the rest of the year.

Library Director's Report: Morgan McMillian highlighted Kim McGee's blog. Her recent review of Jodi Picoult's new book was picked up by Library Reads 99, a publication sent to numerous libraries. Kim received a "thank you" response from the author. The deadline for the Teen Art Contest is October 17th. Morgan asked if the Friends would sponsor the prizes (\$300). Margaret McDermott moved that we fund the prizes. After a second by Joan Buzzard, the motion passed. The Summer Reading Program was the best one ever with participation up 75% over last year. There were 151 programs with over 5000 individuals attending. The October calendar has been published. One highlight is the Pumpkin Parade on October 30th for which volunteers will be needed. Morgan asked if we want to continue the "Read Me Program" where paperback books are left in waiting rooms in the Lake Travis area. Joyce Botta, Margaret McDermott and Jana Dodd will look into it.

Fundraising: Nancy Pencsak announced the next book sale. Volunteers will be needed to set up on October 2nd and work the sale on October 3rd and 4th. A sign-up sheet was passed. After many years, Nancy is considering relinquishing this task next year. She will continue to sort and box the books but is hopeful that someone will step up to organize the sales.

Jean Hennagin reported that Amazon revenue is up 30% over last year. With so many people shopping on the site, the possibility of more revenue is huge. We need to continue to encourage people to participate by first going to the library website or pasting the link from there to a homepage. One suggestion is highlighting this and other ways the help the library in a display window -- book sales, Randall's, Amazon, etc. Diane Taylor agreed to work on a display. Maureen Mulrooney will contact book groups of the Women's Club to gain their support. Contacting our friends and family on an individual basis is also recommended.

Rotating Art Committee: Diane Taylor reported that artists' displays for the meeting room are currently booked through June. In 2015, we will have our first 3D art with small sculptures in the display window in February and another in May. She is open to display ideas for next year -- one being the 30th anniversary of the founding of The Friends. Joan Buzzard recommended posting a bibliography of materials that the library has relating to each display. Joan offered to work on that project.

Butterfly Garden: Helen Kott reported that the hot and dry summer posed problems requiring additional watering to keep the plants alive. Committee members stepped in as well as teens on several shifts; however, some plants were lost. The Committee will have a work day in October to clean up, distribute bluebonnet seeds, and add new plants.

Scholarship Committee: Elizabeth Walden reported that the committee functioned well this year, and scholarships were awarded to four deserving teens. A new trifold brochure has been printed, and the evaluation process was revamped by Morgan McMillian and Danielle Wilson. The policy has been changed to allow relatives of Friends to apply for scholarships in the future. Elizabeth is stepping down from her position and Jean Hennagin will now chair the group.

New Business:

- **Public Safety Booth, September 27** – Morgan McMillian reported that the staff will not be able to work this event. Jean Hennagin and Jana Dodd agreed to take shifts and will try to solicit others to help.
- **Steiner Ranch, Trunk or Treat, October 26** - Kim McGee and Diane Taylor will staff this event.
- **Nominating Committee** - Diane Taylor has volunteered; several others are needed for this committee.

Our next meeting will be Thursday, October 16, 2014, at 9:30 in the Meeting Room of the Library.

The meeting was adjourned. A delicious potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all.