

Meeting of the Friends of Lake Travis Community Library

February 19, 2009

In Attendance

Joyce Botta, Diane Taylor, Sandy Price, Margaret McDermott, Mary Jo Finch, Helen Kott, Patricia Raring, Amy Holland, Nancy Pencsak, Betty Rische, Gerhardt Rische, Susan Gilman, Earlene Loflin, Valerie Liebl

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Botta.

Minutes: The January minutes were amended to delete Helen Kott from the committee to preselect applicants for Library Director. Nancy Pencsak made a motion that the amended January Minutes be approved. Diane Taylor seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

I. REPORTS

Volunteer Report – Earlene Loflin

- Earlene reported that there were two new adult volunteers as well as several new teens. Of the six teenage volunteers who will qualify for the scholarship program four have picked up applications. The deadline is March 27th.
- Earlene will arrange for handouts advertising the Book Sale to be at the circulation desk and at the front door.

Treasurers Report – Amy Holland

- Library reserve fund balance is \$44,087
- Amy advised that a CD had matured and was being placed in a Money Market fund. A decision will be made when the next CD matures as to how to invest it.
- Diane Taylor suggested that if the Library District was unable to meet its budget or faced unexpected expenses, the Friends had the funds to pay for some items.
- Amy asked if the Friends wanted to remain members of the Chamber Commerce. Helen advised that as the Library District already belonged, The Friends decided last year not to renew their membership.
- The Audit Committee (Amy Holland and Joyce Botta) met on February 10th to review the Treasurer's records for the Friends and Nancy Pencsak's records for book sales and found everything in order.
- Helen moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted; this was seconded by Nancy Pencsak and approved.

Fund Raising – Nancy Pencsak

- Nancy raised \$998.35 from the sale of books during January.
- Book shelf sales to date totaled \$174.
- Nancy still needs boxes, bubble wrap and peanuts.

- Help is needed at the book sale on March 7th, to load books the Friday before and on the day of the sale. It was decided to raise the price of a bag of books from \$7 to \$8.

Programs – Helen Kott

- Helen advised on the following programs:
 - Lake Travis Reads – Three Cups of Tea has been selected
 - We've had good sign-ups for the book clubs. The Classics and the Glass of Wine Book Clubs will commence in March. An arts and crafts group will also be formed and launched in March.
 - The Genealogy Program will continue in 2009
 - We hope to sponsor two author visits, one in May and the other in October. Members gave suggestions for authors, including Roy Spence.
 - Mary Jo Finch will lead a Memoir Writing Group starting in the Fall
 - Amy Holland and Joyce Botta will start computer programs in April.
 - Buzz Buzzard will give an Indian Archaeology presentation to coincide with Native American Indian Heritage month in November.

Library Report – Sue Gilman

- Sue advised that there were 567 volunteer hours in January compared to 482.5 in December.
- The Library will be promoting “Pennies for Peace” (a charity promoted by the author of Two Cups of Tea) and is sending fliers to elementary schools in the area.
- The Summer Reading Program will be “Book Scooting Over Texas” and will run from May 30th until August 15th.
- A new Library Assistant – Karen Ballinger - has been hired.

Scholarship – Margaret McDermott

- Scholarship applications are due at the end of March.

Grants

- Diane Taylor advised that a grant has been submitted for additional software for the genealogy program and we will know the outcome in April.
- The Friends will continue to look for additional opportunities for grants.

Publicity – Sandy Price

- Membership forms for The Friends have been completed and will be at the front desk and included in packages distributed by The Women's Club to new and prospective members.
- An advertisement for the book sale will be placed in the Home Owners News, Lake Travis View, Four Points News, The Star, and Austin Family Magazine along with mention of the Third Anniversary of the Library at the current location and details of Story Time. There will be advertising handouts at the circulation desk and posters in local stores.

- Sue said that up to two lines of text could be put on the bottom of the receipt given to patrons when they check out books. This could be used to make people aware of the “Good Neighbor Program” with Randalls as well as other events.

Membership

- At the Anniversary celebration sponsored by the District and staff, the Membership Committee will organize people to provide cookies and have a table to sign up new members.
- The Friends supported having the Committee organize an event to honor new Friends in April, in conjunction with National Volunteer Week.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- Thanks to the creativity of designer Sharon Rogers, the Friends won the “Most Original” award at the annual Seton Tea with the theme “Lake Travis “Community Library a Magical Place”. A great big thank you to Sharon for all her hard work.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Amy Holland made a motion that March 7th be declared as one of the Library’s two Tax Free Days, this was seconded by Sandy Price and approved.
- Diane Taylor moved that we purchase the required number of CD’s from Blackstone Library by October 24th if the District is unable to get out of the contract. The motion was seconded by Sandy and approved.
- The Critter Man has been booked for a performance in the summer. Diane Taylor moved that The Friends support an extra performance at Briarcliff. The motion was seconded by Nancy Pencsak and approved.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The March 26th meeting will be held at 9.30 AM in the Library. Please note change of date from 3rd to 4th Thursday in the month.

Valerie Liebl, Recording Secretary

Joyce Botta, President