

Meeting of the Friends of the Lake Travis Community Library January 18, 2007

In Attendance

Diane Taylor, Joyce Botta, Carol Bosse, Margaret McDermott, Carol Black, Helen Knott, and Sharon Temple, Library Director.

Minutes

Reading of December minutes was waived and minutes were approved as presented. Motion was made by Diane Taylor and seconded by Carol Bosse.

I. REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Diane Taylor presented the monthly Treasurer's Report. The motion was made by Joyce Botta and seconded by Margaret McDermott to accept the Treasurer's Report. All were in favor of accepting the report as presented.

Diane suggested that we create dedicated funds to support activities such as scholarship fund, special purchases, etc. Diane will bring specific suggestions to the next Friends meeting. She will also take on the revision of the "Wish List".

Library District Update

Carol Black informed the group that American Retirement Corporation (ARC) will not be developing the south side of Lohman's Crossing as originally planned. Carol was informed by ARC that this negates the provisions for land and space for the Lake Travis Community Library. The land acquisition committee will be resurrected.

Perry Smith and Ginger Gobel will co-chair the Library Fund Raising Committee.

Librarian Report - Sharon Temple

We added 69 library patrons in December 2006.

The CTLS recommended that if the school district is closed for weather the library should also be closed. This will go to the board for approval.

Our website will soon be set up to access Novelist and the Tex Share database when logging on the website. We need to develop a campaign to inform the community and encourage use.

She is studying the check-in/checkout area and plans to rearrange the stations to make the area more efficient.

Sharon proposed "Adopt A Shelf" program to insure that all the shelves get reviewed on more timely basis.

President's Report – Helen Kott

Perdernalles Electric wishes to present a gift to the Friends of the Library on February 12, 2007 at 6:30 PM in the Library. All Friends are invited to attend this presentation.

The way books are purchased by the library has changed. Therefore it was suggested that The Friends of the Library modify the way we purchase books for the library. For example, best sellers are now purchased in advance by the library district. The suggested new format would be for the Friends to set aside an annual amount of money for book collection purchases. Sharon will determine and inform the Friends of the types of books needed. The Friends will then approve the necessary funds. Motion was by Diane Taylor, seconded by Carole Bosse and approved by attendees to adopt the new method of purchasing books.

II. NEW BUSINESS

In a motion by Diane Taylor, seconded by Helen Kott and approved by all that in 2007 the Friends will work to support the library in the following areas:

- ❖ Continue to help fund the summer reading programs
- ❖ Author visits
- ❖ Purchase furniture and equipment as requested by the librarian
- ❖ Take over the library scholarship from the Library Board from next year onwards
- ❖ Add to the library collection as requested by the librarian
- ❖ Establish programs for senior citizens and other underserved populations of the community.

A new nominating committee will be formed to fill vacancies. It will be co-chaired by Joyce Botta and Ann Holt.

Helen requested that Sharon set up a meeting with Rich Fabish to discuss the web site. Attendees at this meeting should include Sharon, Helen, Joyce and Nancy.

Grow the Friends of Library membership by providing the public more information about what we do. Many people have the misconception that you must do volunteer hours at the desk in the library to be a member. This is not true, there are many different ways to contribute as a Friend. Carol Black suggested we try to reach book clubs, email list, news releases, and home school organizations to inform them about volunteer opportunities and special programs.

Friends of Libraries USA are a nationwide organization that provides resources, idea sharing, advocacy and outreach programs. The cost is approximately \$100 per year. The web site is friends@folusa.org. Please review the web site and be prepared to comment and vote on membership for the Lake Travis Friends of the Library.

III. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 10:30 AM in the Library. Please make a special effort to attend.

Joyce Botta, Secretary

Helen Kott, President