

Meeting of the Friends of the Lake Travis Community Library

March 20, 2008

In Attendance

Helen Kott, Diane Taylor, Carol Black, Nancy Pencsak, Jonila McGinley, Margaret McDermott, Gerhardt Rische, Betty Rische, Carol Bosse, Anne Schulte, Sarah Samson.

The meeting was called to order by President Helen Kott who introduced and welcomed our new library director, Sarah Samson.

Minutes

The minutes of the February meeting were not available, so approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

I. REPORTS:

Volunteer Report – Earlene Loftin

- ❖ Volunteers are covering all library shifts, and volunteer training continues.
- ❖ Applications for the teen summer volunteer program are beginning to come in. Currently there are 11 who have submitted applications with 36 the target number.

Treasurer's Report – Diane Taylor

- ❖ Diane reported that the book sale profit was \$1680. Total income for the month was nearly \$3000 with expenses of less than \$200.
- ❖ Diane reported on the tax free issue discussed at the last meeting. Two tax free days are allowed each year. They must be designated in advance and promoted as such. Therefore, it is not possible to get a refund on last year's tax payments.
- ❖ Margaret McDermott made the motion that we approve the March Treasurer's Report. Anne Schulte seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Scholarship Fund - Margaret McDermott

- ❖ The deadline for the scholarship application is April 1. One application been received, and two more teens are eligible. The Scholarship Committee has a meeting scheduled for April 3 to review the applications.

Membership Committee – Jonila McGinley

- ❖ A reception is being planned honoring the new volunteers and the new librarian. The event will be a Wine and Cheese Party at the Lakeway Activity Center on April 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. All refreshments will be purchased with funds in the budget. The committee will request an RSVP in an e-mail reminder for the party. Spouses are welcome to attend.

Library District Report - Margaret McDermott

- ❖ At the March Library District Board Meeting, action was taken on additional storage space. It was approved, and Bob Johntz and P. K. Chatterjee will negotiate whether to get a larger space, or an additional space. Currently larger spaces are not available.
- ❖ The Library has joined the Chamber of Commerce.
- ❖ The lease on the library space is coming up and will be renewed. The land issue for the new library has not been resolved.
- ❖ Candidates for the three seats on the Lake Travis Library Board that will come up for election on May 10th are incumbents Carol Black, Nancy Pencsak and P. K. Chatterjee. With only three candidates, an election will not be required.

Fund Raising – Nancy Pencsak

- ❖ The book sale on March 1st went very well. Raising the price for a bag of books by \$1 had no adverse effect. The new scanner has enabled us to sell more books on-line, but the book dealers who attend the sale still purchased many bags of books. We were very firm on the 8:00 a.m. start time and plan to do that again at the June sale in fairness to all customers. The paperback books that were left after the sale were sent to the military. The Salvation Army picked up the rest of the books.

President's Report – Helen Kott

- ❖ A defibrillator has been donated to the Library by the Lion's Club. It will arrive in early April. A representative from the Hudson Bend Fire Department will come to place the defibrillator in the library and train the entire staff (approximately 3 hours of training). There will be a photo op for Lion's Club publicity which will be posted on our web site.
- ❖ Carol Black, Helen Kott and Sarah Samson attended a very informative seminar in early March that covered things to think about in planning for a new library.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ The Program Chairman position remains vacant, and there is a need for planning programs for adults. Our space limitations are a challenge, but Sarah reported that a Barnes and Noble representative indicated that they are open to having a program for us at the store in Bee Cave.
- ❖ Carol Black, Sue Gilman, Joyce Botta and Helen Kott attended the Lake Travis Reads planning session earlier this month. The book selection will be made this spring, with the event planned for the fall. The next meeting is on April 7th, 6:00-7:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. There is a web site with more information: laketravisreads.org.
- ❖ The CD player has been purchased for story time. The \$1000 allotted for audio books at the February meeting has not been spent; Sarah will be ordering some shortly.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ The Dear Reader subscription on our web site will be up for renewal on May 15th. The cost is approximately \$1200. It was not promoted heavily this year. Sarah will research whether Dear Reader has been used frequently, and we will discuss renewal options next month. A discussion followed regarding highlighting one promotion each month as a way to inform patrons of available resources, programs, etc. Sarah and Diane agreed to work on this.
- ❖ Helen reminded us that July is approaching, and we need to be thinking of ideas for the 4th of July parade entry. One idea presented was having volunteers pull small wagons with children, books, publicity, etc. More ideas are encouraged.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be April 17, 2008, at 10:15 AM in the Library Work Room. Please plan to attend.

Carol Bosse, Corresponding Secretary

Helen Kott, President