

Meeting of the Friends of the Lake Travis Community Library April 17, 2008

In Attendance

Helen Kott, Diane Taylor, Carol Black, Nancy Pencsak, Jonila McGinley, Margaret McDermott, Gerhardt Rische, Betty Rische, Carol Bosse, Ann Holt, Sharon Rogers, Julie Rhone, Joyce Botta and Ginger Gober.

The meeting was called to order by President Helen Kott. Helen introduced and welcomed The Lake Travis Lions Club representatives, Scott Trace, Beverly Verlinde and Linda Davis, and Lake Travis Fire and Rescue Representative, Scott Fernandez. We thank the Lions Club for placing these life saving devices through out the community and in our library. Captain Fernandez will show us the best place for the defibrillator and will conduct a training session for staff at a later time."

Minutes

The minutes of the February and March meetings were reviewed and approved.

I. REPORTS

Treasurer's Report – Diane Taylor

- ❖ Diane purchased a \$5,000 CD for our Reserve Fund. We currently have \$38,740 in reserves and \$14,433 in operating funds. Ann Holt moved and Joyce Botta seconded to approve the Treasurer's report; motion carried.
- ❖ Diane will review results of past Activity Center book sales to identify which of the next two sales we might want to designate as our tax-free day.

Scholarship Fund - Margaret McDermott

- ❖ The Scholarship committee will meet and determine the winner of the 2008 Friends of the Library Scholarship. The person will be notified in May and a presentation will be made on May 28.

Membership Committee – Jonila McGinley

- ❖ Jonila thanked all those helping with the Thank You Party for the new members. List of attendees will go into our scrapbook.

- ❖ The Membership Committee will determine the date and format for the next recognition party. Also, Sarah Samson asked us to consider doing the April 3rd event on an annual basis.

Library District Report - Helen Kott

- ❖ The Hurst Creek MUD has approved the water issue for the property under consideration for our new library location. Mr. Haytham Dawlett, who is donating the land and a prepared pad of 15,000 sq. ft., will go to the City on April 21 to seek approval as a PUD. He is also seeking an appraisal of the land and pad being donated to the Library District.
- ❖ Helen exhibited an architects rendering of the proposed development that will include the new library facility and fielded questions regarding the building and the site.

Fund Raising – Nancy Pencsak

- ❖ The online book sales continue to be our major source for fund raising and the scanner continues to be an invaluable tool in this endeavor.
- ❖ The next quarterly book sale will be on June 21 at the Lakeway Activity Center from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Books will sell for \$7.00 per bag.

President's Report – Helen Kott

- ❖ The Lake Travis Reads Committee has held its third meeting. Five books have been nominated – 44 Scotland Street by Alexander McCall Smith, A Twist at the End by Steven Saylor, Issac's Storm by Harry O. Storm, same kind of different As Me by Ron Hall, The Voice in My Heart by Gilbert Tuhabonyel. **Don't forget to vote for your choice next time you are in the library or at one of the other voting locations.** The Kick Off Event for the Lake Travis Reads Program will be May 15th
- ❖ Barnes & Noble in the Hill Country Galleria will feature the books and sell them at a 10 % discount. You may also order them from A Thirsty Mind web site for a 20% discount.
- ❖ Remember the library benefits anytime you order from Amazon.Com by going thru the library website.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Payment of the "Dear Reader" subscription will transfer from the Friends to the Library budget. To increase the use of Dear Reader more information about the service needs to be publicized.

- ❖ The Fourth of July parade theme will be “Patriotism: Past, Present and Future”. Ann Holt, Diane Taylor, and Helen Kott will share the responsibility for organizing the Friends’ entry in the parade. One idea is to use decorated little red wagons, children, and books in our entry. Members wanting to help or provide wagons should contact a committee member.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ The Library Director, Sarah Samson, suggested that the Library would be better able to track funds if they had a cash register. Joyce Botta recommended that we table this until next month giving us time to collect more information on cost and benefits.
- ❖ Diane Taylor said the Library loses money on the copier and printer because all patrons do not pay for their copies. Ginger Gober suggested that the counter be moved to enclose the copier and printer and that copies be given to patrons only on the receipt of payment. Helen Kott will present this idea to Sarah Samson.
- ❖ Diane Taylor moved that the Friends Pay Pal Account be deleted and removed from our website and that the Library Board create a Pay Pal Account which will be displayed on the Library web site. Margaret McDermott seconded and the motion was passed.
- ❖ Sharon Rogers proposed working through the Friends to obtain grants for the new Library that typically are available only to 501(c)3 organizations like ours. The District Fund-raising Committee would hire a professional to do the grant writing. The Friends’ – or Officers of the Friends, depending on the time-sensitive nature of an application – would review and sign-off on all grants written in our name. The Friends agreed to this arrangement.
- ❖ Joyce Botta and Jonila McGinley have agreed to chair the Chair Nominating Committee. Current chairs are *Fund Raising* – Valerie Liebl and Nancy Pencsak, *Programs* - VACANT, *Membership* – Jonila McGinley and *Publicity* – Rich Fabish and Rhonda Hostetler.

IV. NEXT MEETING

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

Joyce Botta, Recording Secretary

Helen Kott, President