

Meeting of the Friends of Lake Travis Community Library November 19th, 2009

In Attendance:

Joyce Botta, Sandy Price, Diane Taylor, Morgan McMillian, Carol Black, Nancy Pencsak, Margaret McDermott, Helen Kott, Earlene Loflin, Carol Bosse, Sharon Rogers, Valerie Liebl

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

Minutes: Margaret McDermott made a motion that the October Minutes be approved. Sandy Price seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

I. REPORTS

Volunteer Report – Earlene Loflin

- Earlene advised that things are going well. This being Volunteer Appreciation week Earlene thanked all of the volunteers for their services in 2009. Individual thank you cards have been sent to every volunteer. A book name plate in honor of each volunteer will be placed in the book of their choice. Earlene has one new volunteer, Michael Savage.

Treasurer's Report – Amy Holland

- With the help of Rich Fabish, the Friends have obtained an IBM Grant for \$1,000, which will be used primarily to purchase a new set of encyclopedias. The other Corporate Donations are from ExxonMobil and Safeway/Randall's Good Neighbor Program. Craft sales brought in an income of \$1,980; YTD net craft income is \$1,748.
- Expenses of \$100 reflect the contribution made to the families of the Fort Hood Victims.
- Bank of America will donate \$500 twice a year for Catherine Cristiani's volunteer hours.
- The 2010 Budget meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 2nd at 1:30 in the Library. Please e-mail Amy Holland with any items you would like to see included and feel free to attend the meeting.
- Helen Kott moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Nancy Pencsak seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Librarian's Report – Morgan McMillian

- Morgan reported that Pumpkin Parade was a huge success, there were 110 participants. The businesses in the Shopping Center who partook in the "trick or treating" were presented with certificates. Pictures are on the Library website.
- The Computer Help sessions scheduled for Thursday mornings are developing well.
- Holiday Story Time will be held on the evening of December 17th when Santa will be making a surprise visit.
- Morgan has been asked to serve on the 2011 Caldecott Award Committee.

Library Building Report – Helen Kott

- Helen reported on the presentation by Jeff Bulla on the proposed new library. Jeff will be attending a Library District Board meeting on the new library on Saturday November 21st to discuss various issues and concerns that have been raised.
- Carol Black thanked the Programming Committee for all the work they had put in.

Programs - Helen Kott

- Helen reported that the book groups were all going well.
- The Craft Group is growing rapidly and a Craft Sale is planned on December 3rd at “Holiday in the Hills” from 5:00-8:30. Margaret McDermott, Valerie Liebl, Sharon Rogers and Diane Taylor will manage the sale. As in past sales, people who contribute items can give all of their proceeds to the Friends’ or retain 50% to cover the cost of materials.
- The Program Committee has arranged for the following events in 2010:
 - January 28th Matt Turner will give a talk on Unusual Native Plants
 - February 11th “Lake Travis Reads Sarah Bird” at Bee Cave Library at 7.00 p.m.
 - March – Lou Carlson will give a talk on the History of Lakeway
 - April, P.J. Chatterjee will give a talk on Economics
 - May, Liz Carmack will talk on Texas Historic Hotels
 - September Susan Wittig Albert will give a talk
 - October will have a presentation by local citizens on The Oil Industry in Texas.
 - The November Program will be “Get Ready for Christmas with Food Mixes”.

Library District Report – Diane Taylor

- Sales tax revenue is down, although reports show sales tax revenue from Lakeway is going up by over 20%. Sharon volunteered to investigate whether we were getting all the revenue we are due, for example from trash hauling.
- Audit and Lease agreement – a list of items to be provided to the Auditor. The audit needs to be completed and approved at the December meeting.
- Lease agreement for the current space has been signed.
- Health Benefits, a new plan to provide better health coverage for employees has been approved.
- The new Library will be built with loans, sales tax revenue and donations.

Fund Raising – Nancy Pencsak

- Nancy reported online book sales of \$550.29 for the month of October. She reminded us that she always needs small boxes and the plastic bags from Sunday newspapers. Also if buying books on line from Amazon please go through the Library’s Website.
- The next big book sale at the Activity Center is scheduled for February 13, 2010. Simultaneously, we will have a boutique sale next to the book tables. Friends’ are asked to donate new or gently used items. Diane Taylor will chair this part of the sale.

Publicity – Sandy Price

- Sandy and Morgan are working together to get information on the library publicized.
- The Service Scholarship applications are available starting January 15th and will appear in local publications.

II. OLD BUSINESS

None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Morgan asked for any comments on the library website and suggestions to enhance it.
- Nancy Pencsak will propose possible changes to the by-laws regarding terms of office for Board members.
- Sharon Rogers has agreed to do the Seton Tea on behalf of the library.

IV. NEXT MEETING

There will not be a Friends' Christmas Luncheon this year due to time constraints and everyone's busy schedule. Instead we will have a short meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10 to elect officers for next year. Those who are interested may go to lunch afterwards at the restaurant of their choice.

Valerie Liebl, Recording Secretary

Joyce Botta, President