

Meeting of the Friends of Lake Travis Community Library

October 15th, 2009

In Attendance

Joyce Botta, Sandy Price, Cecilia Kolb, Amy Holland, Diane Taylor, Morgan McMillian, Carol Black, Kaye Owen, Nancy Pencsak, Margaret McDermott, Helen Kott, Earlene Loflin, Carol Bosse, Elizabeth Walden, Sharon Rogers

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Joyce Botta. Joyce welcomed Kaye Owen, a newcomer to the Friends.

Minutes: Amy Holland made a motion that the September 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. She now has three teen volunteers for the late afternoon shifts – it helps cover for absences and allows more time for shelf reading.

Treasurer’s Report – Amy Holland

- Amy presented the Treasurer’s Report. There is currently enough cash on hand to purchase another CD; Amy asked if there are major purchases planned. None were noted so she will purchase the CD.
- Helen Kott moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. Margaret McDermott seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Librarian’s Report – Morgan McMillian

- Morgan reported that program attendance numbers are up and now include all events, such as book clubs, craft club, and Briarcliff events to more accurately track library program participation. The September door count is down slightly, reflecting the end of summer when more people visit the library.
- A large bulletin board has been added. It has been installed above the free magazines and will be used to publicize library events.
- The Book Buddies and stuffed animals are currently in hibernation during the flu season.
- The new Teen Book Group had 12 participants at the September kick-off with another meeting scheduled for October 24th. The Memoir Writing Group also had 12 participants at the first meeting (with another dozen expressing interest). Computer help sessions have begun on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The Classics Book Group has resumed and will meet on November 9th. A “Love the Earth Camp” for elementary school students is being led by Teen Volunteer Ashley Fosshat and Karen Ballinger.

Programs – Helen Kott

- The Program Committee, consisting of Diane Taylor, Mary Jo Finch, Morgan McMillian, Ann Schulte and Helen will have a November planning meeting. Any ideas for programs for 2010 should be given to one of the committee members.
- Helen asked that the Friends consider a \$100 donation to Lake Travis Reads for publicity. Amy pointed out that there is money in the budget to cover this. A book will be selected in November with events scheduled at the various libraries early next year.
- Diane Taylor reported on Craft Group activities. A planning meeting was held on Monday for the November 14th Crafts Sale at the Library. There will be three tables outside to display various craft items made by volunteers as well as craft books and gift books that have been donated for sale. There was a discussion on whether or not to take checks at this sale. When the item was put to a vote, there were 6 for, and 6 against accepting checks. President Joyce Botta broke the tie with a vote against accepting checks. The publicity for the event will include “Cash Only.”

Scholarship Committee – Elizabeth Walden

- The committee held an organizational meeting on October 14th and will send an announcement to the Counselor at Lake Travis High School. A \$2000 service scholarship will be given. Earlene indicated that ten teen volunteers are eligible. The deadline to apply is April 1st, 2010.

Library District Report - Helen Kott

- Helen reported on the October 7th meeting with the architect, Jeff Bulla. He presented a preliminary design for the new library. Things are still subject to change. He will return in November for a presentation to the Board, Friends and Staff. A packet of information concerning the new library and Tuscan Village is at the front desk for review.
- Helen attended the last Library Board meeting and informed us that the Board has changed the guidelines to allow community participation on any item after it has been discussed, but prior to a vote.
- The next Board Meeting is November 9th with Diane Taylor representing the Friends.

Fund Raising – Nancy Pencsak

- Nancy reported online book sales of \$608.58 for the month of September. She reminded us that she always needs small boxes and the plastic bags from Sunday newspapers.
- The next big book sale at the Activity Center is scheduled for February 13, 2010.

Publicity – Sandy Price

- Sandy and Morgan are working together to get information on the library publicized. Fliers are being designed for the upcoming craft sale. She will e-mail the completed flier to the Friends. Copies can be printed at home to post in the windows at local retailers.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- There is continued interest in Joanne Anderson's offer to plan a trip for the Friends as a fundraiser. We will revisit this subject in January.
- Nancy Pencsak received a request from Point of Origin regarding distribution of gift certificates that would benefit the library with a portion of the sale. She will check into the idea and report back at the next meeting.
- The Nominating Committee has contacted all current officers regarding their desire to continue serving and will meet today to discuss the slate.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- Nancy Pencsak asked that consideration be given to reviewing the by-laws.

IV. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM at the Lake Travis Community Library on Thursday November 19th.

Carol Bosse, Corresponding Secretary

Joyce Botta, President