

# 2012 Friends Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2012

## **Attendees:**

Paula Highfill, President	Carlton Cloud
Carol Ann Grantham-Vice President	Sharman Miller
Cris Slimak	Robert Lee
Jenny Elliott, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Steve Standefer
Stacey Guttman-Secretary	Janet Green
Joyce Sternberg	Sharon Zambrzycki
Loretta Reves	Linda Johnson

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Paula. Sharman moved to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2012 meeting. Carlton seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Because Diane was unable to attend, she provided Paula with notes and asked her to present the report for March. Notable in March were the following items:

\$100 donation received from Sunrise Rotary designated for Summer Reading,

Reads income of \$100 from Knights of Columbus, plus \$124.99 rebate from Barnes & Noble for percentage of sales from night of author event plus \$40 in Reads book sales.

Reads net expenses were only \$800 due in part to MS. Brown returning her honorarium. Cost of catering by Savvy's was \$2400

Travel & Conference expense was for airfare to Houston for TLA for Paula, Diane & Steve.

A motion was made by Carol Ann and seconded by Joyce to approve the reports and it passed unanimously.

## **President's Report:**

- **National Library Week**-baskets were delivered to library staff from the Friends.
- **Display case**-Annette requested to send her an email if interested in displaying any "collections" and if you have any suggestions.
- **Thank you** to John & Steve for packing the Dust Bowl Exhibit. The display was well received throughout the month.
- **Texas Book Consignments** will now be reported and paid quarterly instead of monthly. Texas Book Consignments' fee is 30% of sales after listing fees. Friends first quarter income was \$380.94

for the sale of 70 books which is more than 3 times what we would make at \$1.00 each.

- **NTLP**-NTLP is presenting a conference on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The fee is \$50. More information on [librarysupportersnetwork.com](http://librarysupportersnetwork.com)
- **TLA** in Houston-Diane, Paula & Steve will be attending April 17-20.

### **Unfinished Business:**

- **Reads**-100 books in total were purchased. Approximately 30 will be returned to Barnes & Noble. Approximately 188 guests attended the event.
- **Read & Feed**-This is a new summer reading outreach program. Goal is to reduce the loss of reading skills during the summer months. The initiative that addresses summer reading loss is a part of the application by the City of Arlington (with whose library system we now partner) for an All American City designation. The Mansfield program will operate in conjunction with the summer "feed the children" program operated by Common Ground Network.
- Annette needs funding – most likely for prizes, possibly for books. She will also need volunteers for 8 locations. Suggested groups to assist are Rotary, Half Price Books, Mansfield Women's Club, MECPTA, Scholastic Books, Michael's and Boys & Girls Club of Arlington. Each partner could provide a book drive.
- Jenny suggested that Cheerios has a program that gives away books.
- J's Book World on Arkansas was having a sidewalk sale on May 5.
- The volunteer sign up sheet will be provided in May.

### **New Business:**

- **ALTAFF Membership** - The Friends joined last November. Annual dues are \$50
- Friends discussed applying to ALTAFF for more awards and grants.
- Diane worked on the Baker & Taylor Award that will give \$1000. This is due early May.
- Another award is given for National Friends of Libraries Week activities with a deadline of December 1.
- In the past we have used FOL Week to drive membership. 2013 will be the 10 year anniversary of Mansfield Reads. There was discussion about how to use these two events and others as both a celebration and as award applications.
- Go to ALTAFF website [ala.org/altaff](http://ala.org/altaff) for more info on awards.
- Friends in Ennis based their award winning program on famous friends from the oldest to the youngest.

- There was discussion about various ways that Friends could be awarded: being friends to schools, Read & Feed for the 2012 award, Greatest Hits, Dancing with a Friend, Alive with Mark Twain.
- Paula will leave this on the agenda as unfinished business.
- Carol Ann suggested adding to agenda to consider charging for Mansfield Reads.

**Next Meeting:**

May 8, 2012

- Bring suggested ideas in for the next Reads event.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting was adjourned by Paula at 6:15 pm.