

2010 Friends Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2010

Attendees:

Paula Highfill, President	Carol Ann Grantham, Secretary
Kathy Buehner, Vice President	Robert Lee
Jenny Elliott, 2 nd Vice President	Sharman Miller
Diane Kelly, Treasurer	Marilyn George
Grace Daley	Cris Slimak
Karen De Simone	Steve Standefer
Beverly Frank	

A. Minutes Approval:	The meeting was called to order at 5:05 PM. A motion was made by Diane to approve the minutes which was seconded by Sharman. They were approved unanimously.
B. Treasurer's Report:	Diane presented the Treasurer's report. The room for Matthew Pearl, the Mansfield Reads author, has been donated by the Holiday Inn. The only expense for the month was the purchase of a new binder for the Treasurer. Jenny moved to approve the treasurer's report, Paula seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
C. Librarian's Report:	Steve reported that the next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, March 10, at 6:00 PM. They will be considering alternatives for a new catalog which would have expanded capabilities. The Board will also be planning how to best use the existing building for the next five years and is working with a consultant. The dire need for additional parking was discussed.
D. President's Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly Financial Audit – Kathy, Paula and Diane will audit the financial records on March 29 at 5:15 PM at the library. Carol Ann will attend as an observer only. • Summer Reading Program – Annette has requested \$500 for prizes for the summer reading program. A vote for approval will be on the agenda next month under new business.
E. Unfinished Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mansfield Reads – Fund raising: We have received \$1,150 plus three in-kind donors. • Mansfield Reads – Media: Paula passed around the poster, invitation, and the flyer for comments and

	<p>approval. The materials will go to the printer this week to be printed by March 22, when it will be announced at the City Council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mansfield Reads – Publicity: It will be announced in the Mansfield Citizen magazine on March 10 when it comes out with the Mansfield News-Mirror. The News-Mirror will carry a full-page ad on March 24, but other coverage by the News-Mirror has not been finalized. Legacy High School’s JROTC will be asked to assist with posters. We will meet at 4:00 PM on March 22 to address and stamp the invitations prior to the City Council meeting. The web site has already been updated. • Mansfield Reads – Programming: 100 books have been ordered. We will sell them for \$13 each to cover our cost of \$12 plus sales tax. The list price is \$15. Barnes & Noble will participate by issuing a code number which anyone can use for any purchase at B&N. The code will be valid from April 23 through May 2. We will receive up to 25% of the proceeds when the code number is used. • Mansfield Reads – Event: Catering by Savvy’s has been finalized. It will cost \$10 per person, which is the same as last year. The menu will contain the same items as last year, plus a “mashed potato bar.” The Blue Cow Coffee Company will cater the Writer’s Workshop on Saturday morning. • ALTAFF Literary Landmark Designation – We are still trying to determine our eligibility for the designation. The City has to decide if this is something we can do. The News-Mirror is planning a feature on the book and Paula will contact Amanda to find out when this will be published. Sharman suggested we try to obtain copies of his other books to put in the library so that the focus would be on the author, not just the one book. Steve will see if that is possible since most of the other books are out of print. • TLA Conference – Steve and Paula are both going. Jenny may also go. The Friends will reimburse Steve for his expenses and will also pay for Paula and Jenny.
F. New Business:	None.
G. Other Discussion	None.

Items	
H. Next Meeting:	The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be April 13, 2010.