

2011 Friends Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2011

Attendees:

Paula Highfill, President	Robert Lee
Kathy Buehner, 1 st Vice-President	Sharman Miller
Jenny Elliott, 2 nd Vic-President	Stacey Guttman
Carol Ann Grantham, Secretary	Steve Standefer
Diane Kelly, Treasurer	Annette Weber
	Rachel Howell

A. Minutes Approval:	<p>Paula called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. The minutes of the February 8, 2011, meeting were presented. Kathy moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Sharman and it passed unanimously.</p>
B. Treasurer's Report:	<p>Diane presented the monthly reports for January and February. Kathy moved that the Treasurer's Reports be approved, Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Year-to-date, we have received \$485.47 from Texas Book Consignments for internet book sales. We have also received over \$1,500 for memberships, almost \$1,400 for regular book sales, and \$850 for Mansfield Reads year-to-date.</p> <p>Primary expenses year-to-date were \$1,800 donated to the Library, \$1,400 of which was for computer warranties; and about \$650 for the Literary Landmark event.</p> <p>Legislative Day: Diane reported on Legislative Day in Austin. She attended a training and orientation session on Friday night. On Saturday, she visited various state representative's offices and met with aides requesting that funding for libraries and library programs remain in the state's budget. Diane will also attend the Board meeting on Wednesday and present her report to them. Paula thanked Diane for taking her personal time to go to Austin for this event.</p>
C. Librarian's Report:	<p>It was decided that this item is not needed and will be removed from this agenda and future agenda's.</p>
D. President's Report:	<p>NLTP Supporter's Conference: We had one of the largest groups in attendance. This may have been the last conference due to budget cuts, at least for awhile. We received a lot of good information and it was well worth the time and effort to attend.</p>

ALA Literary Landmark Dedication: This event was a resounding success! Not only was it well-attended, but Laura Bush couldn't have been more gracious and friendly. We received a great deal of free publicity, both in print and on radio and television.

Facebook and Web Site: Paula encouraged us all to not only "Like" the Friends on Facebook, but to feel free to post on the Friends' page. Pam has done a fantastic job on the Friends web site. It now includes videos from YouTube and photos from the Literary Landmark Dedication. Information about Mansfield Reads! is also now on the web site.

Friends Bookmarks: The final design has been approved and will be printed at the same time as the Bookmarks for Babies. It will cost \$244 to print 2,000 (1,000 of each). The original quote of \$244 was for the Friends bookmarks only. We were able to include the Bookmarks for Babies in that printing run at no additional cost, thereby saving the \$250 we had approved for them on the Library Wish List.

TLA Save Our Libraries Campaign: Paula encouraged us to all go to the TLA web site: www.txla.org and take advantage of the form letters and information available to send letters to our state representatives.

TLA Conference: The TLA Conference this year is in Austin on April 12-15. Hotel rooms have already been reserved. If you register early on line, the registration fee is discounted. The Friends will pay for two officers and one staff member. Steve is the staff member that will be attending.

<p>E. Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>Mansfield Reads: The official kick-off will be announced at the March 28 City Council meeting. Paula and Jenny will attend the Kiwanis meeting at Mansfield Methodist Hospital on April 1 to talk to them about the program.</p> <p>A lengthy discussion was held regarding what still needs to be done.</p>
<p>F. New Business:</p>	<p>A discussion was held regarding gifts for the staff in honor of National Library Workers Day. We will provide gifts similar to the ones we have gotten in the past.</p>
<p>G. Adjourn:</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM. The next meeting will be on April 12, 2011.</p>