

2012 Friends Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2012

Attendees:

Paula Highfill, President	Carlton Cloud
Carol Ann Grantham-Vice President	Sharman Miller
Jenny Elliott, 2 nd Vice President	Robert Lee
Stacey Guttman-Secretary	Loretta Reves
Diane Kelly	

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 pm by Paula. Carlton moved to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2012 meeting. Sharman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Diane presented the report for April. Notable for April were the following items: \$197 for regular books sales, \$7.75 pencil sales, and \$380 for Texas Book Consignment which is now received quarterly. The net expenses were \$4,550 for donations to the library, \$144 for flowers/gifts/contributions and \$2,208 for TLA travel and hotel expenses Paula, Diane & Steve which was held in Houston. The TLA conference will be held in Fort Worth next year. Bookmarks will be re-printed in June and the expenses will hit the June.

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

President's Report:

- **NTLP Conference for Library Supporters**-held in Dallas was rewarding. There were four sessions to select and the presenters were new.
- **TLA**-Paula, Diane and Steve attended in Houston. There were 15 sessions to attend. On the website there is more discussed about each session.
- **"Feed and Read"**-Annette presented the Community Summer Reading Program. There are 9 locations throughout Mansfield that will have a food basket, get a book and a prize available to children to keep reading during the summer. This will run for eight weeks. Approximately 1000 children will participate in this program. **Half Price Books** will donate 4000 books on 5/23 at 6:00pm to the gym at First United Methodist Church. Local football team has been asked to participate in the separating of books. **Sunrise Rotary** is making a donation of \$1,500 in prizes and books to be dropped at the Wesley Mission Center. Dee Lemser (coordinator) dee_lemser@hotmail.com will do an email

regarding: info of who, what, when and where volunteers are still needed. "Common Ground" food bank will donate \$45,000. Any additional donations may be made to Wesley Mission.

Unfinished Business:

- **Mansfield Reads:** Jenny requested that we begin to look for the author and book for the 2013. Criteria will be availability of book, paperback, broad range of readers and lives in Texas or nearby. Paula distributed the TLA Lariat List to review. Some suggestions were: The Name of the Wind, The Jefferson Lies, Bobby Linn's Long Halftime Walk, Adrenalin. For the June meeting bring ideas to share.
- **Reads 10 Year Celebration:** There was discussion about finding ways to get recognition for the FOML programs. In 2013, "Big Celebration" to recognize 10 successful years. Some of the ideas were: yearlong celebrations, tee shirt sales, re-designing the tri-fold, design a yearbook, digital scrapbook, advertise about Sandra Brown, Greatest Hits, Five Years of Writes, Making History In Mansfield, find people that met at the library and share their story, collect photos and sell books. Come to the next meeting and brainstorm some ideas.
- **ALTAFF Awards:** Research more about Baker & Taylor grant and awards for libraries. FOML has won Best Friends Award twice
- **Donation:** A friend of Jenny's has donated embroidered jackets to the FOML.

New Business:

No new business to report.

Next Meeting:

June 12, 2012

- Bring suggested books, titles, and ideas to promote FOML 10 year celebration.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn was made at 6:15 pm by Paula and was passed unanimously.