

## **2012 Friends Meeting Minutes March 13, 2012**

### **Attendees:**

Carol Ann Grantham, Gen. Vice-President	Steve Standefer
Jenny Elliott, Vice-President (Reads)	Annette Weber
Sharman Miller	Linda White
Vicki Collins	Loretta Reves
Cris Slimak	Robert Lee
Sharon Zambrzycki	

### **1. Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Carol Ann, Acting President. The minutes for February were presented. One correction was noted: Sharon (not Sharman) moved to approve the November minutes. Sharman moved the February minutes be approved as corrected and the motion was seconded by Cris. It carried unanimously.

### **2. Treasurer's Report**

Notable for February were the following income items: \$1,150 was received for memberships and \$2,340 was received for Reads sponsorships. Reads expenses for February include \$450 for the Dust Bowl exhibit, \$639 for books which were paid for with our Barnes & Noble gift card, and miscellaneous supplies. We are in the black so far for this year. The motion to approve the report was made by Sharman, seconded by Cris, and passed unanimously.

We still have a number of Reads books for sale. Annette asked if these could be returned to Barnes & Noble. Carol Ann will ask Paula if that is possible.

### **3. President's Report**

There was no President's Report due to Paula's absence.

### **4. Unfinished Business**

- **Reads** — A big thank you goes to all the volunteers for another successful program! Approximately 188 were in attendance. Carol Ann will review the sign-in sheets to confirm this number. We received a very nice note from Sandra Brown in which she also returned the honorarium as a donation from her. Some discussion was had regarding charging a fee to attend next year.

### **5. New Business**

- **TLA – Houston, April 17-20** — We have three rooms reserved for this event. Normally, the Friends pay for one staff member and two Friends officers to attend. After some discussion as to who might go, Sharman moved that the Friends continue this practice and pay the expenses for Steve and two Friends officers. Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, with Paula voting by proxy. Diane will be one of the officers to attend, but the other officer to attend is still to be determined.

- **New Summer Reading Program - "Feed & Read"** — Annette presented information

about this new program which is an outgrowth of the All American Cities Award – Our Kids, Our Communities. It is designed to bring children from K through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading level. This is important because 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is when children actually read to learn. If they are not proficient in reading by this time, they will continue to just fall behind farther and farther. The program will be in partnership with the Arlington Public Library, Boys & Girls Clubs, Parks & Recreation, and similar groups in order to reach as many of the targeted children as possible. Annette has already received a commitment from the Rotary Club to provide books and \$100 for prizes. There will be five locations for distribution of books and prizes. Volunteers will be needed to distribute the books and prizes to the locations and also to monitor the locations. Sharon will talk to Half-Price Books to see if they would like to participate in this program. Annette will have more information at the next meeting.

## **6. Adjourn**

Jenny moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m. The next meeting is April 10, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.