

**2011 Friends Meeting Minutes**  
April 12, 2011

**Attendees:**

Paula Highfill, President	Robert Lee
Kathy Buehner, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice-President	Sharman Miller
Diane Kelly, Treasurer	Stacey Guttman
Carol Ann Grantham, Secretary	Beverly Frank
Cris Slimak	Annette Weber

<b>A. Minutes Approval:</b>	Paula called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. The minutes of the March 8, 2011, meeting were presented. Robert moved that the minutes be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Diane and it passed unanimously.
<b>B. Treasurer's Report:</b>	<p>Diane presented the monthly report for March and an amended report for February. Sharman moved that the Treasurer's Reports be approved, Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.</p> <p>Year-to-date, we have received \$587.69 from Texas Book Consignments for internet book sales. We have also received over \$1,500 for memberships, \$1,847.97 for regular book sales, and \$1,493 for Mansfield Reads.</p> <p>Primary expenses for February were contained in the minutes for March 8. Primary expenses for March include \$638.40 for the Library (Tumbleweed Press) and \$873.75 for Reads books which should be recouped from sales of the book.</p>
<b>C. President's Report:</b>	<p><b>Friend's Bookmarks:</b> The bookmarks have been printed and are now available at the Library. Our thanks to Bob Grantham for designing them. Everyone is very pleased with them.</p> <p><b>Books for Babies:</b> These have been delivered and we received a very nice thank you note for them.</p> <p><b>TLA Save Our Libraries Campaign:</b> Paula encouraged us all to go to the TXLA web site and submit a letter in support of library funding. The more letters that are sent, the better chance we have of keeping at least a portion of it.</p> <p><b>TLA Conference:</b> The TLA Conference will be in Austin from April 12 – 15. We normally send at least one staff member, but no one was able to attend this year. Paula will go to Austin on Wednesday and attend two social media workshops. She recently met with Belinda Willis with the City of Mansfield regarding our use of social media, i.e.,</p>

	Facebook. We must be careful about what we post so that it doesn't reflect poorly on either the City or the Library.
<b>D. Unfinished Business:</b>	<p><b>Mansfield Reads:</b> There were about 110 in attendance on Friday night. For the workshop on Saturday morning, there were 38 in attendance which includes 6 students from Mansfield High School. Jeff Guinn will return to MHS in May to visit the Language Arts class. The students from MHS were very enthusiastic about this program.</p> <p>Savvy's Bistro did a good job on the food and there were a number of positive comments about it. The music also seemed to be well-received.</p> <p>It was decided that the money we receive from Barnes &amp; Noble for book sales on Friday night and for online "book fair" sales will be in the form of a gift card instead of cash or check. We will get an additional 5% of the sales and we can use it to purchase books for the Library.</p> <p>Suggested books/authors for 2012 are due at the May meeting so that we can prepare a reading list for distribution at the June meeting.</p>
<b>E. New Business:</b>	None.
<b>F. Adjourn:</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM. The next meeting will be on May 10, 2011.