

2010 Friends Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2010

Attendees:

Paula Highfill, President	Marilyn George
Kathy Buehner, Vice President	Robert Lee
Jenny Elliott, 2 nd Vice President	Sharman Miller
Diane Kelly, Treasurer	Loretta Reves
Grace Daly	Cris Slimak
Karen De Simone	Steve Standefer
Beverly Frank	Annette Weber

A. Minutes Approval:	The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM. A motion was made by Sharman to approve the minutes which was seconded by Diane. They were approved unanimously.
B. Treasurer's Report:	Diane presented the Treasurer's report. The Friends donated books for the Books for Babies program and the Shakespeare display. They also purchased stamps to mail the Sponsor letters. A motion was made by Paula to approve the treasurer's report which was seconded by Sharman. They were approved unanimously.
C. Librarian's Report:	
D. President's Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Library Supporter's Conference-Steve and Jenny have registered. Anyone else who is interested can still register at the door. We will car pool from the Library. • Books for Babies-We need to schedule a session to finish stuffing the book bags. There was some discussion about working on the mailing for membership letters at the same time but a decision was made to postpone that until March.
E. Unfinished Business:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mansfield Reads-We have received about 5 checks from sponsors. The News Mirror will sponsor again and provide a full page ad before to inform the public and a thank you ad after the program. Flowers Etc will provide the flowers. Barnes and Noble has confirmed participation. Rick will do the graphics. Steve has put it on the Council agenda to be announced at the Council meeting 3/22. Key Club will assist with posters and

	<p>possibly 2 Girl Scout Troupes. They requested the dates. MISD has their event scheduled with the author and several book clubs including Women’s Club, Jenny’s book club and the Library Book Club will all discuss the book. Annette is working on a Shakespeare display. The group discussed inviting the Texas Poet Laureate to attend but decided Mansfield Writes would be a better venue. Airfare has been purchased for the author and there was discussion regarding whether the group could get a local hotel to donate a room. Diane will follow up on that. We do not need an interviewer because the author said he has designed a program. We still don’t know who will provide the music. Spring Creek has declined to provide the food but offered a \$25 gift card we can use for one of our meals with the author. We will work with the Culinary School to provide it. Jenny will pursue this option and work to reduce the issues we had last year with the quantity of food. We will also send a letter requesting food donations from Kroger and Tom Thumb to help mitigate the cost. This year on the sign in sheet we will try to track where people are coming from to help us get some hotel/motel tax funding next year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALTAFF Literary Landmark Designation-Beverly has contacted Griffins oldest child and Robert Bonazzi who wrote a book about Griffin. He said he would be happy to come and talk about him. We have encountered a complication in that the house Griffin wrote in is no longer there and another family has moved into the studio he lived in. Maybe the plaque could be hung in the Library. Steve said the group needed to determine what is our goal in obtaining this designation to determine whether the Library is an appropriate place. There are only four Literary Landmark’s in Texas and the group felt this would good publicity for our City and Library. The group discussed another meeting to fill out the application. It was scheduled for February 23 at 5:00 PM. Annette will prepare a bibliography. We will prepare for summer. It takes about 8 weeks for the paperwork to be processed.
<p>F. New Business:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLA conference-We typically send two officers. This year we agreed to pay for two staff members as well if the Library has enough coverage to let them go. Carol Ann and Diane may attend.
<p>G. Other Discussion</p>	

H. Next Meeting:

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. Next meeting will be March 9, 2010.