

# 2010 Friends Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2010

## Attendees:

Kathy Buehner, Vice President	Robert Lee
Jenny Elliott, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Sharman Miller
Diane Kelly, Treasurer	Cris Slimak
Carlton Cloud	Steve Standefer
Beverly Frank	Annette Weber
Carol Ann Grantham	

<b>A. Minutes Approval:</b>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 5:07 PM by Jenny. Paula was not present due to illness. The minutes of the November 10, 2009, meeting were presented. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>B. Treasurer's Report:</b>	<p>Diane presented the monthly report for November and December of 2009, along with the year-end report for 2009. The \$5,0000 CD was moved to Frost Bank. Diane reported a profit of \$4,442.39 for the year, with an ending balance in the checking account of \$10,941.69. The airline ticket for Matthew Pearl, the Mansfield Reads! Author, has been paid. Kathy moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved. The motion was seconded by Carlton and passed unanimously.</p>
<b>C. Librarian's Report:</b>	<p>Steve advised that Wednesday, January 13, is the first Library Board meeting of the year at 6:00 PM. The Board meeting is open to the public.</p> <p>The second annual North Texas Conference for Library Supporters is coming up on February 13 at Lockheed Martin Recreation Area in Fort Worth. Steve advised that attending the conference is a good way to get some insight into how libraries "think." Also, on January 28, in Denton, is the System Assembly Meeting of the North Texas Library Partners. More information can be found at their web site: <a href="http://www.ntrls.org">www.ntrls.org</a>.</p>
<b>D. President's Report:</b>	<p>Due to Paula's absence, there was no President's report.</p>

<p><b>E. Unfinished Business:</b></p>	<p>Mansfield Reads:</p> <p>Carlton has the first draft of the sponsor letter ready. She also has the list of people it was sent to last year. Several other potential sponsors were mentioned. After some discussion, it was decided to send the sponsor letter out before sending out the membership letter. Those present reviewed the sponsor letter. After making some minor changes and corrections, a motion was made and seconded to approve the letter as amended and the motion passed unanimously. Carlton will email the revised letter to Paula for final review and approval. Those who are able will meet on Tuesday, January 19, at 3:00 to address and stuff the envelopes. The scheduled “Reads” meeting will start at 4:00 instead of 5:00 on the 19<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Cris will contact Tom Thumb about donating dessert. She will also contact Spring Creek BBQ about the possibility of them catering the meal. Jenny will check out the possibility of Legacy ROTC being the servers and cleaning up afterwards.</p> <p>Bylaws:</p> <p>Jenny advised that the newly revised Bylaws are available on the Friends web site.</p>
<p><b>F. New Business:</b></p>	<p>Annette told us about the possibility of obtaining a Literary Landmark Designation for the barn where John Howard Griffin wrote “Black Like Me.” He also worked at his mother-in-law’s house, so that could be another possibility for the designation. The cost for the designation is \$750 which is for the engraved plaque. There are numerous requirements that must be met to qualify for the designation. Beverly will check out the feasibility of the barn site and/or the house. 2010 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book and the Mansfield News-Mirror is planning to publish a big spread about the book. Annette will talk to Amanda Rogers at the News-Mirror to try to coordinate their article with our efforts and to see if they would be a co-sponsor. Beverly wrote her thesis on John Howard Griffin (the first half of his life) and consequently became quite close to the family. She will see if she can find and contact Robert Bonazzi, the author of “Man in the Mirror,” to be the speaker. Sharman will contact Bethlehem Baptist to see if they want to also be part of the project.</p>
<p><b>G. Other Discussion</b></p>	<p>None.</p>

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**H. Next Meeting:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM. The next meeting will be on February 9, 2010.