

2010 Friends Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2010

Attendees:

Paula Highfill, President

Carol Ann Grantham, Secretary

Diane Kelly, Treasurer

Kathy Buehner, 1st Vice-President

Jenny Elliott, 2nd Vice President

Beverly Frank

Sharman Miller

Cris Slimak

Steve Standefer

Robert Lee

Annette Weber

Stacey Guttman

A. Minutes Approval:	The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM. Diane moved to approve the minutes and Robert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
B. Treasurer's Report:	<p>Diane presented the report for September. Book bags were the big expense for the month. The cost of the bags has gone up, but we have not raised the prices accordingly. Some discussion was had about raising the prices and it was decided this would be an item on the agenda for November.</p> <p>Pay Pal: We are now able to pay for memberships and other items on the Friends' website through Pay Pal. There is a fee for using it which is based on a percentage of the amount paid through Pay Pal. We will monitor how much activity we get on it to determine whether or not it will be worthwhile to keep using it.</p> <p>A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Jenny to approve the report. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
C. Librarian's Report:	<p>In honor of National Friends of Libraries Week, the staff brought refreshments and introduced themselves to thank the Friends for what we do for the library.</p> <p>The Board will meet on Wednesday and we are all invited to come. A power point presentation has been prepared to show the Board the results of the latest study regarding expansion and improvement of the Library. The City passed a bond issue in 2004 for expansion of the Library, but nothing has been spent since then. Use of the library has greatly increased. John is now teaching a very basic computer course on Friday mornings. Cris mentioned that in her home library in Ohio, you were able to check out original paintings which you could also purchase. The artists would then give a portion of the sales price to the Library.</p> <p>Steve and Annette will be going to the Historical Society on</p>

	<p>Thursday to share with them the plans we have regarding the Literary Landmark Designation we are applying for through ALTAFF.</p>
<p>D. President's Report:</p>	<p>Texas Book Consignments: We now have an agreement with Texas Book Consignments to sell donated books online. They are interested in the non-fiction books which are difficult for us to sell. We will receive 70% of the sales price. If for any reason we decide we no longer want to do this, we only have to give them 30 days' notice. Since we only get \$1 for hardback books, it is very likely we will continue this arrangement.</p> <p>Summit Book Drive: Summit High School will be conducting a book drive which will be for the benefit of the Library.</p> <p>Uncommon Vision: The documentary about John Howard Griffin is being shown at the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth on Friday, October 28. Tickets are \$10 each. Anyone interested in carpooling will meet at the Library at 5:45 PM and leave at 6:00 PM.</p>
<p>E. Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>Bookmarks: Paula researched having our own bookmarks printed. The best price was from JMH Printing. For 1,000 bookmarks with color and printed on both sides, it would be \$244. From ALTAFF, 1,000 bookmarks is only \$96, but they are not specific to our Friends group. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that Paula would do further research to see if there was a way to decrease the cost, i.e., printing on only one side, etc., and we will discuss this again in November.</p> <p>Mansfield Reads: Jeff Guinn has accepted our invitation to be the featured author. The featured book will be "Go Down Together," which is the true story of Bonnie and Clyde. The event will be held on Friday, April 8, 2011. We will start contacting sponsors as soon as possible.</p> <p>Mansfield Writes: Paula and Joe Daley will be in charge of registration. Jenny is in charge of food, Karen de Simone will sell Friends' products, and Sharman is in charge of set up.</p> <p>ALA Literary Landmark Designation: The letter to apply for the designation has been mailed. The date for the program for presentation of the designation has been tentatively set for February of 2011, either the 20th or the 27th, in the afternoon. As part of the promotion for this event, an essay contest will be held and it will be open to all students in the Mansfield school district. Beverly has contacted Mr. Griffin's oldest daughter and she is very excited about the possibility of honoring her father in this way.</p>

F. New Business:	None.
G. Other Discussion Items	None.
H. Next Meeting:	The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM. The next regular meeting will be November 9, 2010.