

2010 Friends Meeting Minutes

September 14, 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

Loretta S. Reves

Steve Standefer

Grace Daley

Annette Weber

Stacey Guttman

Robert Lee

A. Minutes Approval:	The meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM. Sharman moved to approve the minutes and Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
B. Treasurer's Report:	Diane presented the reports for June, July and August. The big expense for June was the purchase of new chairs for the library. July's big expense was for audio books. In August, two donations were made to the library – one to the Children's Book Fund in memory of Ethan McConnell, Steve's grandson, and one to the General Book Fund in memory of Don Combest, Geneva's husband. The deposit information for August was inadvertently omitted, although the amount was reflected in the income section. The final report will be corrected. A motion to approve the reports, as amended, was made by Kathy and seconded by Jenny. The motion passed unanimously.
C. Librarian's Report:	<p>The Board met on September 8 which was the second Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>The library will be providing the Friends with a wish list. Their budget has again been cut by approximately 45% of last year's budget. The total budget is now \$62,000, down from \$119,000 for last year and \$149,000 for the year before. As a result, the Friends will probably be asked to supplement the purchase of new books for the library.</p> <p>Steve and Jenny will attend the System Assembly Conference in Wichita Falls.</p> <p>The Arlington Public Library has received a grant of over \$70,000 and will use it to form a consortium with Mansfield in a new automated system. This means that Mansfield library card holders will be able to access all the titles in the Arlington library and will be able to check out and return</p>

	<p>Arlington library books in Mansfield.</p>
<p>D. President's Report:</p>	<p>TLA Presentation: The special presentation regarding “One City, One Book” program which came from the TLA session Paula attended has been cancelled due to technical difficulties.</p> <p>Library Supporter's Conference: Paula and Jenny attended the Library Supporter's Conference on July 24 in Decatur. They attended a presentation about GIS (Geographical Information System) which provides statistical information that could be helpful in determining the needs of the library. The next conference will be in February and will also be in Decatur.</p> <p>Texas Book Consignments: This is a company based in Montgomery, Texas, which sells books on the internet on behalf of libraries. Company representatives come to the library and select the books to sell from our inventory. The library receives 70% of the proceeds of the sales. Paula will contact the company and set up a meeting for them to come to Mansfield.</p> <p>ALTAFF Newsletter Ideas: There is a poster available from ALTAFF which promotes becoming a member of the Friends group. After some discussion, Paula moved that we purchase one of the posters. Kathy seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. ALTAFF also has a book mark promoting becoming a member of the Friends group. Since it is not specific to Mansfield, Kathy will talk to Rick about designing a book mark especially for the Mansfield Friends group. Paula will check on pricing to print our own.</p> <p>Handicap Access: A discussion was had regarding the feasibility of the Friends hosting a fundraiser for the installation of handicap-accessible doors. Steve reported that would be part of a capital improvements plan and therefore would not be necessary or appropriate for a Friends project.</p>
<p>E. Unfinished Business:</p>	<p>Mansfield Reads: The selection committee will meet on Tuesday, September 21, at 5:00 to discuss author and title selections.</p> <p>Mansfield Writes: This event is scheduled for Friday, October 29, from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Diane has compiled an excellent panel of authors to speak. She still needs volunteers to help with setup, check-in, etc. Jenny and Stacey will be in charge of the refreshments.</p> <p>ALA Literary Landmark Designation: Paula, Beverly, Sharman and Annette will draft the letter to apply for the designation. We will then need to plan a program for the presentation of the designation.</p>

F. New Business:	National Friends of Libraries Week: is the week of October 17-23. Steve will prepare a proclamation for the City Council meeting on October 11. There will not be any other promotion during that week. Membership Drive: The membership drive will take place in January. Diane will check into the feasibility of Pay-Pal being used to pay online for the membership fee.
G. Other Discussion Items	None.
H. Next Meeting:	The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM. The next regular meeting will be October 12, 2010.