

2012 Friends Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2012

Attendees:

Carol Ann Grantham-Vice President
Jenny Elliott, 2nd Vice President
Stacey Guttmann-Secretary

Carlton Cloud
Annette Weber
Sharon Zambrzycki

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by Carol Ann. The minutes from the May 12 meeting were presented. Carlton moved to approve the minutes as written. Robert seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Ann presented the report for May. Notable for May were the following items: Income of \$100 for memberships, \$428 for regular book sales and \$875 for summer reading program. The net expenses were \$1,275 for donations to library. Paula and Diane were reimbursed for the TLA conference that was held in Houston. A motion was made by Carlton and seconded by Robert to approve the reports and it passed unanimously.

President's Report:

- **ALTAFF Awards-Baker & Taylor Grant:** Diane had applied for this grant in May, but we did not win the award. Friends want to continue to research and apply to grants for recognition of the library.
- **Display Case Changes:** Sharon has shared her family collection of pitchers to be displayed in the case. It was suggested that a themed calendar be set up to display anniversaries, various collections and a nameplate to denote who donated the display cabinet. This will assist in promoting Friends.
- **Texas Book Consignments:** Currently, the money made from books donated to the library and sold through the consignment company (now Dreamboat Books) has been a 70/30 split with storage and materials fees coming out of our 70%, in effect making our cut closer to 60%. Due to rising costs, the consignment company is changing to a 50/50 split, but they are now going to cover the storage and materials fees. The difference in our profit will be about 10%. A suggestion was made to research other online consignment companies to see if there are more lucrative deals that could be made the following year. A motion

was made by Jenny and seconded by Robert to renew our contract with Dreamboat for another year. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Karen DeSimone, who is the book sales coordinator for the used books sold at the library, wants to purchase a metal rolling cart for the library, to be used exclusively by the Friends. She provided information about two carts. One is \$270, but her preference is a purple one in the amount of \$320. Annette can order it through the library and may be able to get a discount. Sharon suggested that a plaque be mounted on the cart to recognize the Friends' donation. Research of cost of plaques was moved to unfinished business. After some discussion, a motion was made by Robert to approve the purchase of the cart. The motion was seconded by Carol Ann. All were in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

- **Mansfield Reads:** Jenny requested that we begin to look for the author and book for the 2013 program. Some criteria to keep in mind when making suggestions are availability of the book, whether it is in paperback, appeals to a broad range of readers and the author lives in Texas or nearby. The Lariat List for 2011 was distributed. Books and authors were discussed. Different members of the group enlisted to read and report back at the September 11th meeting.

Here is the list of suggested books:

Enrique's Journey by Sonia Nazario

Adrenaline by Jeff Abbott (to be reviewed by Jenny)

Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk by Ben Fountain (to be reviewed by Sharon)

11/23/63 by Stephen King (to be reviewed by Annette, Jenny and Robert)

Faith Bass Darling's Last Garage Sale by Lynda Rutledge (to be reviewed by Stacey and Carlon)

The Homecoming of Samuel Lake by Jenny Wingfield (to be reviewed by Paula, Annette and Carol Ann)

The Heretic's Daughter by Kathleen Kent (to be reviewed by Robert and Jenny)

The Dresden Files (various titles) by Jim Butcher (to be reviewed by Robert, Jenny and Carol Ann)

The Devil in White City by Erik Larson (to be reviewed by Sharon)

The Scent of Rain & Lightning by Nancy Pickard (to be reviewed by Paula, Stacey and Carol Ann)

Next Meeting:

September 11, 2012 at 5:00pm.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned by Carol Ann at 6:20 pm.