

2013 Friends Meeting Minutes May 14, 2013

Attendees & April Hours:

Paula Highfill, President	83.00	Carol Ann Grantham, V-P	20.00
Jenny Elliott, V-P	75.00	Diane Kelly, V-P & Treasurer	25.25
Robert Lee	5.25	Sarah Thomason	12.25
Sharman Miller	7.25	Cris Slimak	3.25
Joyce Sternberg	5.25	April Spencer	
Dee Lemser	5.25	Stacey Guttman	6.25
Lynn Jones		Noreen DeBusk	
Jim Lee		Annette Weber*	
(Kathy Buehner)	2.00	*library representative	

1. Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Paula Highfill, President. The minutes for April were presented. There were no corrections. Sharman moved the minutes be approved as written and the motion was seconded by Joyce. It carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer's Report

The report for April was presented by Diane. Total revenue for the month was \$1,971.95 which included \$1,028.58 in sponsorships, \$676.52 for Reads book sales and the sale of other items related to Reads, \$85.50 for the sale of book bags, pencils and coloring books, and \$180 in memberships. Expenses incurred were primarily for Reads and included \$1,250 for catering; \$1,000 honorarium; \$411.86 for meals; and \$302.36 in other expenses. Other expenses for the month were for library staff appreciation gifts, TLA conference registration and other expenses, purchase of products, and Pay Pal fees. The motion to approve the report was made by Cris, seconded by Sharman, and passed unanimously.

Diane will begin allocating the money already approved for items on the Library's wish list. The first check will be written tonight for the Summer Reading Program. The next two checks will be written sometime during the summer for the bookmarks donated to the newborn packages at Mansfield Methodist Hospital and for Books for Babies donated to the Alternative High School.

3. President's Report

§ **MECPTA** — The Mansfield Early Childhood PTA gave us a donation of \$441.98 which will go toward supporting the outreach summer reading program the library operates in conjunction with the Common Ground Network's Feed the Kids for Summer program.

- § **100th TLA Conference** — Paula, Diane, Jenny and Carol Ann attended the TLA Conference held in Fort Worth. Their reports will be posted shortly on our web site.
- § **Regional Library Friends to Friends Workshop** — Paula and Carol Ann attended the regional workshop held in Frisco on Saturday, May 11. Paula estimated there were about 60 people there from all over the metroplex. Ed Palmer, the Board Chairman of the Dallas Public Library, was the keynote speaker. We were broken up into small groups and given the task of summarizing the Challenges, Successes, and Ideas of Friends groups. Both Paula and Carol Ann were inspired by this workshop and will be presenting some of the ideas at a later time.
- § **Summer “Feed and Read” Program** — This program, operated by Common Ground Network, started with 2,000 bags of food being distributed each week and **it** is now distributing 10,000 bags per week. The reading program operates in conjunction with the food program at nine of the area food pantries. In addition to providing books for the children to read during the summer, volunteers encourage children to keep a reading log and children can pick a prize from the treasure chest for completing a book. About 400 children participated in the program last year. Half Price Books is again donating books and their truck will be at Trinity Presbyterian Church on May 22 for unloading. Dee is the volunteer coordinator for this program and will be very appreciative of any help you can give.
- § **Mansfield Reads!** — Thanks to Jenny and all of the Friends volunteers for all of their efforts towards a successful event. We received a very nice thank you note from Glenn Dromgoole praising our program. A slide show of the evening with the author is now available on the web site. Thanks to April for the beautiful music she provided. It was just the right touch for the event. Many good comments were made on the food and the author was favorably received by those in attendance.
- § **June Meeting Agenda** — The primary item on the agenda will be next year’s Reads program and this year’s Writes program. Please bring your ideas for the book/author you would like to invite for 2014 Reads.

4. Unfinished Business

None.

5. New Business

Annette suggested that the Reads posters from each year be framed and hung permanently in the community room. Cris will research frames and how much it would cost and will report on it next month.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The next meeting is June 11, 2013, at 6:00 p.m.