**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY**

Minutes of Board Meeting—Wednesday, January 4, 2023

Board Members Present: Roberta Haas, Blanca Houston, Zach Teegardin, Stephanie Pecuch, and Cheryl Bollish

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Melinda Hodges, Carla Woodworth, Bill Altmann, Kevin Garraway, Jaime Lee, and Taylor Covington

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Roberta Haas, President. Meeting was conducted online via ZOOM.

**Board minutes:** Motion made by Blanca and seconded by Roberta to approve minutes from the December 7, 2022 Board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer’s report:** Zach Teegardin provided emailed reports. Balance in Money Market is $6,141.32. Balance in Checking account is $25,993.95. Motion made by Blanca and seconded by Zach to accept the Treasurer’s report. All were in favor. Treasurer’s report is attached to meeting minutes.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Melinda Hodges, Librarian, reported the on the upcoming classes & events for the coming month. Her report is attached to meeting minutes.

Librarian’s Report

Upcoming events:

All classes for school-aged children and teens will start the week of Jan. 9th.

Toddler Storytime: Mondays and Tuesdays (in the Program Room) at 10:30 am

ESL Conversation Class (in partnership with Community Action) for English Language Learners – Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am in (Library Conference Room); restarts for spring semester on Jan. 18th.

Read to Maeby, the Therapy Dog: Mondays in the Children’s Area at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Teen Club will be on Mondays at 4:30 pm in the Craft Room.

Makers’ Lab Classes – Mondays at 6:30 pm (Makers’ Lab)

Jan. 9 – Laser Cutting Class

Jan. 23 – Craft Night

Jan. 30 – Cricut Club

Homeschool Adventures: Tuesdays in the Craft Room

6 – 8-year-olds at 1:30 pm

9 – 11-year-olds at 3:00 pm

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays and Thursdays (in the Program Room) at 10:30 am

Afterschool classes for students from 5-11 years old on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. Activities are geared for students 7-11 years old; children 5-6 years old are welcome with an adult.

Bilingual Storytime: Thursdays at 1:00 pm for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families (in the Program Room)

Come-and-go activities for students from 5-11 years old on Thursdays from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Activities are geared for students 7-11 years old; children 5-6 years old are welcome with an adult.

Family Storytime: Thursdays at 6:00 pm (in the Program Room)

Wednesday, Jan. 4th – Buda Bibliophiles Book Club at 6:30 pm (Classroom). They will discuss A Thousand Ships by Natalie Haynes.

Wednesday, Jan. 11th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference Room). They will discuss How Lucky by Will Leitch.

Wednesday, Jan. 11th and 25th – D&D Campaign at 6:00 pm (Craft Room and Conference Room).

Wednesday, Jan. 18th – Adult Art with IMAC at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Thursday, Jan. 19th – Mental Health Literacy class at 6:30 pm (Classroom); taught by Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas, Inc. (PLANCTX).

Wednesday, Jan. 25th – Art and Mental Wellness: Intentional Garden at 6:30 pm (Craft Room); taught by IMAC.

Wednesday, Feb. 1st – Buda Bibliophiles Book Club at 6:30 pm (Classroom). They will discuss The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams.

Wednesday, Feb. 8th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference Room). They will discuss Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson.

Wednesday, Feb. 8th and 22nd – D&D Campaign at 6:00 pm (Craft Room and Conference Room).

Wednesday, Feb. 8th – Music Therapy and Mental Health at 6:30 pm (Multipurpose Room); taught by Music Therapy Solutions.

Wednesday, Feb. 15th – Adult Art with IMAC at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Thursday, Feb. 16th – Healthy Relationships and the Power of Peer Support Specialists class at 6:30 pm (Classroom); taught by Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas, Inc. (PLANCTX).

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd – Art and Mental Wellness at 6:30 pm (Craft Room); taught by IMAC.

St. David’s Foundation Libraries for Health grant update:

In the Fall 2022 semester, this grant provided funding for 6 adult classes, with a total of 70 attendees. We look forward to expanding these programs and grant projects in the spring. Our peer support specialist Victoria is planning to start in January.

Other library news:

The library has switched calendar software. Now, users can search programs by date, age group, or class subject. It can be accessed either through the library’s home page at [www.budalibrary.org](http://www.budalibrary.org) or by going to <https://budalibrary.libcal.com/calendar>

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Bylaws were reviewed and revised slightly by a committee (Blanca, Carla, Cheryl). Revised bylaws were discussed and approved by vote. Bylaws are attached to the minutes.

Our Annual Meeting, January 29, 2023, at 2pm will be held in the City Hall multipurpose room. Plans for the meeting were discussed. Roberta and Blanca will compile the agenda to include our annual donation to the library ($15,000 and $5,000 held in reserve), the Lions’ Club annual donation and recognition of outstanding volunteers (Pam Nelson and Keithann Linthicum. Nominations for new board members will include Bill Altmann, Jaime Lee and Kevin Garraway. Guest speakers will be Micah Grau and Lauren Middleton-Pratt. Refreshment committee will be Roberta and Mary Jane Harned and will include sweets and small bottles of water. Room set-up will be completed by current board and Kevin Garraway volunteered to help. End of year letter (read by Roberta) will be sent to membership to invite all to attend the annual meeting.

Taylor Covington will coordinate our new Book Club. There was discussion about place, time and day. Interested members will attend an organization meeting at Meridian soon.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Roberta brought up the possibility of the Friends applying for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Administration) funds. After discussion, plans were made to begin the application. If approved, awarded funds will replenish expected fundraising dollars from COVID year(s).

Our Perks Partner for January will be Bearclaw Arborist.

Jaime Lee suggested that we nominate our organization for recognition as an outstanding non-profit in Buda. She sent the link our emails.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, with the new board.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m.

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Bollish, Secretary