**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY**

Minutes of Board Meeting- Wednesday, November 1, 2023

Buda Library conference room

Board Members Present: Bill Altmann, Kevin Garraway, Cheryl Bollish

Board Members Absent: Jaime Lee and Zach Teagardin

Others Present: Melinda Hodges

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Bill Altmann, President. The meeting was conducted in person.

**Board minutes:** Motion made by Bill and seconded by Kevin to accept minutes from the October 2023 Board meeting. All were in favor. Thanks to Carla Woodworth for taking the October minutes.

**Treasurer’s report:** Zach Teegardin provided emailed reports. Kevin asked by email about the larger than usual expenses and Zach replied that the expense was for candy for Booda Halloween.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Melinda Hodges, Librarian, presented her monthly report.

**Librarian’s Report**

**Upcoming events:**

ESL Conversation Class (in partnership with Community Action) - Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am (Classroom).

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

Read to Maeby, the Therapy Dog: Mondays (Program Room) at 4:00 pm.

Teen Club will meet on Mondays at 4:30 pm (Craft Room).

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

November 6 – Embroidery

November 13 – Laser Cut Design

November 20 – Open Lab

November 27 – Cricut Club

Homeschool Adventures: Tuesdays (Craft Room)

* 6–8-year-olds at 1:30 pm
* 9–11-year-olds at 3:00 pm

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

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

Come-and-Go Programs: Thursdays from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm (Craft Room) for elementary school aged children. Families are welcome to come and go at their convenience during this time.

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

Baby Lapsit: Fridays at 10:30 am (Program Room).

Self-Care Saturdays – 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 10:30 am.

November 4 – Grief and the Holidays (with Dr. Rebecca Farrell Ewing)

November 18 – Stay Calm During the Holidays (with mindfulness teacher Sari Fujimaru)

Anxiety and Depression Peer Support Group – 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 (Classroom)

Wednesday, November 1st – Beginner Cooking Class at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Wednesday, November 1st – Buda Bibliophiles Book Club at 6:30 pm (Classroom). They will discuss No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister.

Wednesday, November 8th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference Room). They will discuss The Last Slave Ship by Ben Raines.

Tuesday, November 14th – Art and Mental Wellness at 6:30 pm (Craft Room).

Saturday, November 18th – Parents as Teachers: Group Connection at 10:30 am (Program Room).

Saturday, November 18th – Touch-a-Truck at 10:30 am (parking lot). Prior to our start time, we will allow families with sensory-sensitive family members to attend from 10-10:30.

Saturday, November 25th – Technical Mentorship Program at 11:00 am (Craft Room).

Wednesday, November 29th – D&D Campaign at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Thursday, November 30th – Friends of the Buda Library Book Club at 7:00 pm (Water 2 Wine). They will discuss Our Missing Hearts by Celeste Ng.

**OTHER LIBRARY BUSINESS**

The library will be closed in observance of Veterans Day on Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th.

The library will close early at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 22nd and be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BOOKS**: Kevin reported that we have 240 boxes of books in storage and many boxes of DVDs in climate-controlled storage. He has trucks for moving books day on Tuesday before the sale. He asked for contact info Scout Troops for loading & unloading and for Cheryl Williams, who has a trailer and will take leftover books to the women’s prison. Cheryl B reported that Wayne Harned has a trailer, and she will send his contact info to Kevin.

**COMMUNICATION**: Jaime will be sending out the November newsletter shortly. She is creating the book sale flyer and Cheryl will get it printed. Cheryl is working with Cara Marchese to update our membership flyers. They will be printed at the Hays CISD print shop along with the book sale flyer.

**FUNDRAISING:** On October 24, 2023, the Hays County Commissioners Court authorized an American Rescue Plan Recovery Grant Agreement between Hays County and the Friends of the Buda Library for $15,972. Board members are working to provide the consultant with the requested information.

**EVENTS:**  Booda Halloween was well attended and our volunteer gave out 3,000 pieces of candy.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

Cheryl reported that a custom design for book sale signs has been made at A&E Signs in Buda.

The quoted price for 12 double-sided signs is $222, with no tax. A motion to purchase the signs was made by Kevin and seconded by Bill. The motion passed unanimously. Cheryl will order and pick up the signs.

Motion to adjourn by Kevin, seconded by Bill at 7:15 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bollish.

**Treasurer’s Report**

**OCTOBER FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

**EXPENDITURES**

Donation to Library $

~~Sweet Nails Plaque~~  $

Tru Lock Storage/Extra Space $ 10.00

~~Volunteer Awards~~ $

PO Box Subscription $

~~Librarian Appreciation Gift~~ $

General Supplies $ 399.77

~~Writing Contest Awards~~ $

Sales and Use Tax $ 66.50

~~Summer T-Shirt~~ $

Credit Card Process Fee $ 1.72

Petty Cash/Change $

**Total Friends Expenditures** **$ (477.99)**

**INCOME**

New Membership via Library $

New Membership via Website $ 25.00

Membership Renewals $ 140.00

Memberships Gained from Event $

**Total Membership Dollars** **$ 165.00**

**FUNDRAISING/DONATION**

Book Sales via (Library, Buda Farmers Market,

Events) $ 246.50

Merchandise Sales (Library, Events) $

Annual Book Sale $

~~Raffle Ticket Sales~~ $

Donations from Buda Lions.                 $

~~Donations from Amazon Smile~~ $

Donations from Progressive $

Individual Donations - Wild Apricot $

Member Donations $

Cash Donations $ 385.80

**Total Fundraising/Donation Dollars** **$ 632.30**

**Total Income Dollars** **$ 319.31**

**Total Money Market $ 6,167.47**

**Total Checking Account $ 12,737.40**

**Total Savings Account $ 25.00**