**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY**

Minutes of Board Meeting—Wednesday, March 1, 2023

Board Members Present: Bill Altmann, Jaime Lee, Kevin Garraway, Zach Teegardin and Cheryl Bollish

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Melinda Hodges and Carla Woodworth

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Bill Altmann, president. Meeting was conducted in person at the Library and online via ZOOM.

**Board minutes:** Motion made by Zach and seconded by Kevin to approve minutes from the February 1, 2023 Board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer’s report:** Zach Teegardin provided emailed reports. He reported that February was an expense heavy month with payments to the Chamber and the library due. Balance in Money Market is $6,145.77 Balance in Checking account is $11946.37. Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Zach to accept the Treasurer’s report. All were in favor. Treasurer’s report in worksheet form is attached at the end of these minutes.

**Librarians Report:** Melinda Hodges, Librarian, reported the on the upcoming classes & events for the coming month. Her report is attached at the end of these minutes. After discussion, Melinda informed the board that she will be using $1500 of $5000 in holding for the purchase of a refurbished GlowForge to replace the broken one.

**New Business**

Kevin (Books chair) reported that there are only a few boxes ready to be moved to the storage unit. He has a key, has been to the storage unit and has some members who will help with moving the boxes when we have at least 10 boxes ready.

Cheryl reported regarding communication that we do not have a chair, but the work will continue to be done as needed by Allie Teegardin, Jaime Lee, Cheryl Bollish and Bill Altmann. We will be sending emails to members and need to update our website.

Jaime Lee (Fundraising chair) introduced herself and there was discussion about setting a goal to raise a certain amount in donations targeting businesses. In February, Amazon announced it had discontinued its Amazon Smile donation program that allowed customers to contribute a portion of their order to the Friends of the Buda Library.

Cheryl (Events chair) reported that there are four upcoming events and will email membership to recruit volunteers to staff those events. **The Buda Volunteer Fair** will be held in the City Hall lobby on Saturday, March 4, 10am-2pm. Over 20 organizations serving Buda and the surrounding area will be soliciting future volunteers. Bill and Cheryl will represent the Friends and some flyers will be created by Jaime or Allie. **Full STEAM Ahead** will (science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics) will be a library program for families held in the City Hall lobby on Thursday, March 9, 6pm-7:30pm. Cheryl will email membership and call to recruit volunteers. Buda’s Birthday, a community event, will be celebrated at the City Park Amphitheater, on April 1, 3pm-9pm.Volunteers will be recruited via email to membership. We will serve birthday cake. Jaime moved and Kevin seconded, and the board approved a budget of $100 for purchase of cake & supplies.

**Old Business:** We discussed Wild Apricot training, updating our website, Gmail accounts, Facebook & Instagram accounts, and our 2023 calendar. Cheryl will provide the board with the events that we are aware of including library, city & proposed book sales. Bill will start the process for FOBL to apply for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to replenish some of the fundraising dollars that we would have raised during the Pandemic.

We also discussed the possibility of a tea or luncheon in connection with the book, Honey Cake & Latkes: Recipes from the Old World by the Auschwitz-Birkenau Survivors. Allie Teegardin and Blanca Houston are very interested in the Friends hosting this event. Further information is requested.

Also discussed was the possibility of purchasing name tags for board members (James @Firelight Lazer) and printing new flyers, membership forms, letterhead & note cards.

Motion to adjourn by Jaime and seconded by Kevin. Meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bollish, secretary.

**FEBRUARY FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

**EXPENDITURES**

Donation to Library $ 15,000.00

Sweet Nails Plaque $

Tru Lock Storage $

Volunteer Awards $

PO Box Subscription $

Librarian Appreciation Gift $

General Supplies $ 322.23

Writing Contest Awards $

Sales and Use Tax $

Summer T-Shirt $

Credit Card Process Fee $ 21.68

Petty Cash/Change $

**Total Friends Expenditures** **$ (15,343.91)**

**INCOME**

New Membership via Library $

New Membership via Website $ 15.00

Membership Renewals $ 65.00

Memberships Gained from Event $

**Total Membership Dollars** **$ 80.00**

**FUNDRAISING/DONATION**

Book Sales via (Library, Buda Farmers Market,

Events) $ 184.30

Merchandise Sales (Library, Events) $ 5.00

Annual Book Sale $

Raffle Ticket Sales $

Donations from Buda Lions.                 $ 500.00

Donations from Amazon Smile $ 30.07

Donations from Progressive $

Individual Donations - Wild Apricot $

Member Donations $

Cash Donations $ 10.00

**Total Fundraising/Donation Dollars** **$ 729.37**

**Total Income Dollars** **$ (14,534.54)**

**Total Money Market $ 6,145.77**

**Total Checking Account $ 11,946.37**

**Total Savings Account $ 25.00**

Librarian’s Report

**Upcoming events:**

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).

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 or Makers’ Lab.

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

March 6 – Cricut Club

March 13 – Craft Night

March 20 – Block Printing

March 27 – Jewelry Making

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 (Craft Room).

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)

Play, Learn, Grow - Spring Session: Fridays, Feb. 24 – March 24th (in the Program Room)

Wednesday, March 1st – Buda Bibliophiles Book Club (Classroom) – They will discuss The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams and House in the Cerulean Sea by TJ Klune.

Saturday, March 4th – Spring Gardening in Central Texas (Classroom).

Wednesday, March 8th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference Room). They will discuss South to America by Imani Perry.

Wednesday, March 8th – Music Therapy and Mental Health (Classroom); presented by Music Therapy Solutions.

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

Friday, March 9th – Full STEAM Ahead from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm (Lobby).

Tuesday, March 14th – Anxiety and Depression Support Group at 6:30 pm (Classroom). Facilitated by Peer Support Specialist Victoria Alaniz.

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

Thursday, March 16th – Mental Health Lecture Series: The Pillars of Mental Health at 6:30 pm (Classroom); taught by Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas, Inc. (PLANCTX).

Wednesday, March 22nd – Art and Mental Wellness: What’s on Your Lifeline? at 6:30 pm (Craft Room); taught by IMAC.

Saturday, March 25th – Spring Fling from 10:30 am to noon (Lobby)

Mondays at 6:30 pm in April – Financial Education classes for Financial Literacy Month (Classroom).