**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY**

Minutes of Board Meeting—Wednesday September 6, 2023

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

Board Members Absent: Jaime Lee and Zach Teegardin

Others Present: Carla Woodworth and Melinda Hodges

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:31 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 August 2, 2023 board meeting. All were in favor.

**Treasurer’s report:** Zach Teegardin provided emailed reports. Balance in Money Market is $6,160.21. Balance in Checking account is $10.920.83. Expenses of $286.63 included purchase of the Square and cost of custom framing for the donated artwork for the library. The treasurer’s report was accepted. Melinda was able to share that the cost of the custom framing was around $250 so we were able to determine that the cost of the Square device was approximately $40. From Zach: The process for getting the ARPA funding is in the hands of the Commissioner’s Court and we will know more when they do their votes. I made and sent him profit and loss statements for the past few years (also attached). Once they do their vote, we should know a little bit more.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Melinda Hodges, Librarian, presented her monthly report. The library is now sending emailed newsletters with the adult schedule of events and will add other group specific calendars as there is interest.

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

**BOOKS**: Kevin has moved about 10 boxes to the storage unit. Kevin learned that one of our FOBL past board members had been paying fees for the climate-controlled unit. The fee was $5 per month but has increased to $10 per month. Now we know that the unit actually is rented by FOBL and not the Library although we share the space. Discussion of whether to continue the unit – no official motion but those present were in support of it. When Zach returns, a formal vote will be taken, and appropriate changes will be made. Additionally, Kevin had questions about the logistics of our annual December book sale as he wants to be prepared and very organized. Our Budafest Book Sale has been scheduled for the multi-purpose room in City Hall. Melinda has us on the calendar for Tuesday, Nov.28 at 5pm through Monday, Dec.4 at 8pm. We discussed the schedule, transporting the books to and from the sale (scout troops, Kevin, Wayne Harned?), and plans for the remaining books (Cheryl Williams- books to the women’s prison, to Half-Price Books at Southpark Meadows and back to storage).

Jaime will design the flyer and create the volunteer signup sheets through Sign Up Genius as she has for past years. We have not had a donation of an ipad or android with a high enough ios to support the Square for receiving Point of Sale credit card payments. Carla has offered to loan her ipad to the FOBL for this event suggests FOBL consider purchasing a refurbished one- the cost is typically $200.

**EVENTS**: Cheryl reported that we will participate in Boo-da Halloween on October 28, 4:30-7:30pm at City Park. We will supply candy for distribution. Other upcoming events are the Annular Eclipse Party on Oct.14, 10:30am-1:30pm

**COMMUNICATION**: Jaime emailed all members with the August Calendar. We will still need to design and order promotional cards from Hays CISD and book sale signs from A&E Sign Co.

Cara Marchese, Friends member, has been working on updating our website with Jaime.

**FUNDRAISING:** Cheryl suggested the of setting a fundraising goal and campaign next year.

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**CONTINUING BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

Next meeting has been moved to October 10 , 2023 due to Kevin & Cheryl’s travel. The meeting will be in person at the Buda Library conference room and by ZOOM. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bollish, Secretary.

**AUGUST FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

**EXPENDITURES**

Donation to Library $

Sweet Nails Plaque $

Tru Lock Storage $

Volunteer Awards $

PO Box Subscription $

Librarian Appreciation Gift $

General Supplies $ 279.27

Writing Contest Awards $

Sales and Use Tax $

Summer T-Shirt $

Credit Card Process Fee $ 7.36

Petty Cash/Change $

**Total Friends Expenditures** **$ (286.63)**

**INCOME**

New Membership via Library $

New Membership via Website $

Membership Renewals $ 140.00

Memberships Gained from Event $

**Total Membership Dollars** **$ 140.00**

**FUNDRAISING/DONATION**

Book Sales via (Library, Buda Farmers Market,

Events) $ 269.15

Merchandise Sales (Library, Events) $ 22.00

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 $ 228.80

**Total Fundraising/Donation Dollars** **$ 519.95**

**Total Income Dollars** **$ 373.32**

**Total Money Market $ 6,162.83**

**Total Checking Account $ 11,627.63**

**Total Savings Account $ 25.00**

Librarian’s Report

Upcoming events:

ESL Conversation Class (in partnership with Community Action) - Mondays and

Wednesdays at 10:30 am (Library Conference Room).

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

Read to Maeby, the Therapy Dog: Mondays in the 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)

September 11 – Laser Cut Design

September 18 – Beginner Crochet I

September 25 – Beginner Crochet II

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.

 September 7 th – Stress Relief Art

 September 14 th – LEGO Challenge

 September 21 st – Optical Illusion Art

 September 28 th – DIY Battleship

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

Play, Learn, Grow workshops: Fridays in September at 10:30 am (Program Room).

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

 September 2 – Building Resilience though Improv Comedy with Kristin

Henn from Move Your Tale/Excused Absence Comedy

 September 16 – Soap Making with local soap maker Sara Luna Gonzales

 October 7 – Indian Henna Design with Sari from Mindful Living

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

(Classroom)

Wednesday, September 6 th – Beginner Cooking Class at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Wednesday, September 6 th – Buda Bibliophile Book Club at 6:30 pm (Classroom).

They will discuss Giant by Edna Ferber.

Tuesday, September 12 th – Art and Mental Wellness at 6:30 (Craft Room); taught

by Kelly Bonsall from IMAC.

Wednesday, September 13 th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference

Room). They will discuss A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.

The D&D Campaigns will meet on September 13 th and 27 th at 6:30 pm (Craft Room

and Library Conference Room)

Saturday, September 16 th – Nurturing the Monarchs at 10:30 am (Classroom); in

partnership with the Hays County Master Gardeners.

Technical Mentorship Program will meet every other Saturday (September 2 nd , 16 th ,

and 30 th ) at 11:00 am (Craft Room); through a partnership with Keeping

Communities Connected.

Wednesday, September 20 th – Adult Art with IMAC at 6:00 pm (Craft Room);

taught by Joy Bliss from IMAC.

Friday, September 22 nd – Ballet Folklórico Performance at 6:30 pm (Multipurpose

Room). Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month at Buda Public Library with a

performance from Grupo Folklórico Ocotochtli from Texas State University. Ballet

folklórico is the telling of Mexican culture through folk dances, costumes, and

music. For all ages.

Saturday, September 23 rd – Typewriter Type-In at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

(Multipurpose Room). Come join Austin Typewriter, Ink. (ATI) for a “type-in” at

the Buda Public Library. ATI will bring some vintage typewriters for attendees to

sit down and manually type out a poem, a few thoughts, or perhaps a letter to a

loved one like it was done in the days before computers. All you need to bring are

your fingers and creative mind. For all ages.

Wednesday, September 27 th – Emergency Preparedness Class at 6:30 pm

(Classroom). It&#39;s National Preparedness Month; are you and your family prepared

for emergencies? Join Asst. Emergency Management Coordinator, Alex

Fernandez, in learning how to be ready ahead of time for an emergency.

Participants will be provided information on where to turn for alerts and warnings

as well as what resources to have on hand.

Thursday, September 28 th – Friends of the Buda Library Book Club at 7:00 pm

(Water 2 Wine). They will discuss The Night Shift by Alex Finlay.

We have restarted the library newsletter! In our 2022 survey, a surprisingly large

number of respondents reported that they would like to receive communication

from the library in the form of an emailed newsletter. Our plan is to send out a

newsletter the 1 st and 3 rd Mondays of the month that will include any relevant

library news, a featured library resource, and a list of adult programs coming up in

the following 3 weeks. We plan to start a youth events and resources newsletter

once our subscriber base is built up a bit more. Subscribe to the newsletters at

https://budalibrary.libconnect.com/public/signup