**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Minutes of Meeting—Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Board Members Present: Joan Givens, Cristin Cooke, Zack Teegardin, Stephanie Pecuch

Board Members Absent: Carla Woodworth

Others Present: Blanca Houston

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Joan Givens, President. Meeting was conducted via online Zoom.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Board minutes:** Motions made and carried to accept minutes for March 3, 2021, board meeting.
2. **Treasurer’s report:** Zack Teegardin providedemailed and oral reports through March 31, 2021. Motions made and carried to accept the Treasurer’s report. It is attached to meeting minutes.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Melinda Hodges provided a written report:

Upcoming events:

Register for all programs through the library’s website calendar. We will send out a Zoom link the day of the program for all registered participants.

Financial Planning and Investing, presented by Financial Advisor Terry Lee: Wednesday, April 7th at 6:30 pm

A Conversation About Autism Acceptance, presented by Certified Autism Specialist/Speech-Language Pathologist Amy Grant and speech-language pathologist Casey Bryn McCarthy: Tuesday, April 13th at 6:30 pm.

Book Club: Wednesday, April 14th at 4:00 pm. The group will be discussing The Splendid at the Vile, through chapter 51 by Erik Larson.

Hays County Master Gardeners Class – Nurturing the Monarch: Saturday, April 17th at 10:30 am.

IMAC Adult Art Class: Wednesday, April 21st at 6:00 pm. Abstract Art with Palette Knives.

What Child Psychologists Wish We Knew, presented by Dr. Andrea Dennison, Assistant Professor of School Psychology: Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm. (tentative)

Bilingual Concert with Ricardo Parra: Thursday, April 29th at 7:00.

Monday Mix-Up for middle and high school aged students on Mondays at 5:00 pm.

Buda BLAST for 5 – 7 year olds on Tuesdays at 4:00.

Buda Kids for 8 – 11 year olds at on Thursdays at 4:30.

Spring Fling – Saturday, April 10th at 10:30 am. Children of all ages will enjoy celebrating spring with springtime activities, art, and more! Presented by the Buda Public Library in collaboration Hays County Master Gardeners and with support from the Friends of the Buda Library. An activity kit will be available for pick up beginning April 5.

Personnel:

Pamela Hidalgo has rejoined the library as a full-time circulation clerk.

COMMITTEE OPERATIONAL REPORTS

**EVENTS:** Cristin Cooke has updated our events calendar. She will email copies to board and to committee chairs. The committee provided gifts to all 10 library staff members in honor of National Library Week. Library staff also will use the 200 seed balls made for last year’s Spring Fling for this year’s, since they were not allowed to distribute them in 2020 due to COVID restrictions. Books with Friends Book Club has eight regular members and several possible new members. The committee has chosen all books through 2021, and Cristin has posted the titles on our website. There will be two authors joining us in the fall. Activities will be kept updated on the website. This book club will continue to be “virtual”.

**FUNDRAISING:** Carla Woodworth provided a report that the MOD Pizza fundraiser for March brought in $376.75 for Friends. The committee has discontinued a fundraiser with Marcos Pizza because it did not yield much money, and was somewhat confusing, interfering with MOD fundraising.

**BOOKS:** Nancy Pier sent a report that there are 348 boxes of books in the Trulock storage unit. She estimates an average of 34 books per box, which suggests 13,056 books total. There also are still 57 empty boxes. There are no plans at this time for another book drive, so this will continue to be revisited, and dependent on whether or not the library can begin accepting donations. Joan said that requests for us to accept books have slowed since our last drive. Librarians have been informed to let inquirers know to email us.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Cristin reported that she has continued to update the website with a monthly theme. She also has posted Perks Partners profiles on our website for all but one of the 22 businesses offering discounts to members of Friends. The new “graphic designer” for our online and social media posts is Marty Ausloos, who has been managing our Facebook and Instagram presence. In the next week or so, Cristin will be posting recognition of donors, per calendar that was developed earlier this year with Fundraising Committee.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding its first in-person luncheon in over a year on Wednesday, April 14, 11:30-1. It will be a BBQ held outdoors at the OCSC, catered by Valentina’s. If interested, RSVP to the Chamber. Roberta Haas has been informed as she has been a regular representative for us prior to COVID restrictions, and might attend.
2. Next meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.