 Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 6:30 pm

ZOOM meeting

Board members present: Joan Givens, Carla Woodworth, Cristin Cooke, Zach Teegardin, Stephanie Pecuch

Board members absent: none

Others present: Melinda Hodges, Nancy Pier, Cheryl Bollish, Marc Hunter, Blanca Houston

Roll call and quorum established.

**Call to order at 6:30 pm.**

**Welcome** to Cheryl Bollish. She is joining the Book Committee.

**Action Items**

1. Amend/Accept minutes from February 2021 meeting – Joan motioned, Carla seconded, all were in favor to accept the February minutes.
2. Discuss/Accept Treasurer’s report for February 2021 – Zach reviewed the financial report (attached). Cristin motioned to accept the Treasurer’s report, Joan seconded, all were in favor.

**Librarian’s Report –** from Melinda Hodges

Upcoming events:

Pre-register for these classes on the library’s calendar.

Monday Mix Up for middle and high school aged students – Mondays at 5:00

Buda BLAST for 5 - 7 year olds - Tuesdays at 4:00

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

Astronomy Night with the Hill Country Backyard Astronomers – Thursday, March 4th; in person; sign up for a specific time to reserve a slot. 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Makers’ Lab 3D Printer and Design: March 9th, 6:00 pm.

Book Club – Wednesday, March 10th at 4:00 pm. The Moor's Account by Laila Lalam.

Full STEAM Ahead: Math All Around Us – Saturday, March 13th at 10:30 am. An online family event that will explore the beauty of Math with guest speaker Dr. Austin and engage in symmetry art and fun games.

IMAC Adult Art Class – March 17th, 6:00 pm; Collage Art.

Hays County Master Gardeners – March 20th, 10:30 am; Composting 101.

What a Mathematician Wishes We Knew with Dr. Jennifer Austin – Tuesday, March 30th at 6:30 pm.

The 3 vacant part time positions have been combined into 1 full time position; approved by City Council on March 2nd, 2021.

The library submitted its annual report to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

The library will be closed Friday, April 2nd.

**Committee Reports**

* **Events** – report from Cristin

Committee Meeting on Friday, February 26 – Cristin, Rita, Blanca, Stephanie

Discussions:

What can we do in 2021 with COVID restrictions?

* Books with Friends (monthly)
* National Library Week (ideas on Librarian gifts)
* Spring Fling (FOBL virtual project ready to go)
* Summer Kick Off – “Tails and Tales” (we will try to create a virtual project)
* National Friends of the Library Week – October 17-23 (perks partner posts daily for entire month since we have 21 partners now)

ATTACHED SCHEDULE INCLUDES:

* FUNDRAISING (MOD AND MARCO’S PIZZA)
* BOOK COMMITTEE (POSSIBLE EVENTS)

Books with Friends had a special surprise guest! Author Barbara O’Neal!

National Library Week (April 4-10) is coming. Cristin is looking at gift ideas for the librarians.

* **Fundraising** – report by Carla.
  + MOD PIZZA fundraisers continue monthly. January check of $425.74 received yesterday and will be deposited but is not included in the financials. February event was during the storm – unsure if event actually happened due to road conditions and power outages.
  + Marcos Pizza event held 3/2/21 – donation TBD
  + Perks Partners: Brooklyn’s Down South joined recently.
  + Cristin has reached out to people who are participating in Taste of Buda (seen on Facebook) and messaging them about the advantages of joining FOBL and the Perks Partners program.
* **Communications** –Marc reported.

Changes to website:

* Home page theme updated monthly and current month events posted
* Under Meet the Board – we now have all approved minutes posted going back to beginning of 2018.
* FOBL NEWS (blog) this page will include FOBL news items, larger business donation announcements, PP spotlights which will rotate off, book drives and eventually book sale announcements
* EVENTS/ANNUAL MTG – updated with 2020 info and all annual meeting items attached behind
* Donors – will start our Donor Level Recognition announcements this week.
  + March 1, June 1, September 1, December 1 will be schedule (roughly)
* Perks Partners have been updated with one new addition: Brooklyn’s Down South
* FINAL PROJECT – PERKS PROFILES (behind PP page) – see questionnaire attached. Main page has link to PP websites but some are hard to get info. Profile page will have basic info, hours, specialties so that someone shopping for a discount can get a lot of information fast. Also, I will be requesting PP to email us if they change hours or info on their websites so we can keep their info up-to-date.
* Asking for feedback and suggestions on all the changes that have been made to website.
* **Book Management/Book Sale** – Nancy reported.

Still unable to schedule Book Sale due to Covid19. Book Drive is set for this Saturday, 3/6/21, 9 am – 1 pm in the City Hall parking lot. Nancy, Allie, Marc, Joan, Cheryl, Carla, Martha A., and Melinda will be workers. Several of us have pickup trucks to use. Meet at 8:30 am in the Library parking lot. Nancy and Martha are bringing empty boxes. Allie is bringing hand sanitizers and a table. Bring your own chair. Melinda will provide donation receipts. Nancy and Martha A. have organized the storage unit so that there is space.

**Continuing & New Business**

* MOD PIZZA commitments needed for March 16th event.
* Book donation drive (see above committee report)
* Website review. Compliments for the improvements. All emails and social media postings encourage members and community to visit website.
* Events committee has re-opened discussion of a Reading Garden. Joan states this is in the very early discussion stages. Melinda notes that the Hays County Master Gardeners (per TAMU funding guidelines) cannot be used as a group to help plan. Melinda will need to speak with City administration before any further discussions and planning occur. Fundraising specifically for the Garden could be a real challenge at this time due to the pandemic.

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**Adjourned at 7:30 pm.** Motion by Carla, Cristin seconded. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, April 7th, 2021