**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting—Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Board Members Present: Rita Powell, Lea Ahmed, and Joan Givens.

Board Members Absent: Martha Anderson and Roberta Haas

Others Present: Marc Hunter, Melinda Hodges, Cecilia Cortez, Rosalba Cortez-Concha, and Janice Kearley.

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Marc Hunter, Vice-President.

BOARD MINUTES

Motion made and carried to accept minutes for August 1, 2018.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Lea provided a written and oral report noting total assets of $22,021.07 at the end of August. Income for August was 1,732.53. August expenses were $2,708.10. Motion made and carried to accept the Treasurer’s Report. (Detailed copy attached.)

Lea also clarified that the only FOL funds bag maintained by library staff now is just for new memberships. Book and merchandise sales are transacted with the library’s new cash register, which was provided by FOL.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Melinda Hodges provided an oral and written report as follows:

*New Library Opening Week Stats:*

Over 3600 visitors; 6300+ checkouts; 211 new cards

*Opening Month Stats:*

Over 11,900 visitors; 20,000+ checkouts; 550 new cards

Upcoming Events:

Toddler Storytimes – Mondays and Tuesdays at 10:30 am

Monday Mix Up (grades 6 and up) – Mondays at 4:30 pm

Homeschool Storytimes – Tuesdays at 1:30 pm

Family Storytime – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Fiber Friends – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Preschool Storytimes – Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am

Buda BLAST (kindergarten – 2nd grade) – Wednesdays at 4:00 pm

Bilingual Storytime (presented by UT students) – Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

Hays County Master Gardeners Info Table – Thursdays, 3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Buda Kids (grades 3 – 5) – Thursdays at 4:00 pm

Essential Oils – Saturday, September 8th at 2:00 pm

Yoga for Adults: Fall Series – Monday, September 10th at 7:00 pm for 5 weeks (excluding

Columbus Day, October 8th)

Book Club – Wednesday, September 12th at 6:00 pm; Educated by Tara Westover

Hays County Master Gardeners, Fermentation class – Saturday, September 15th at 10:30 am

Adult Art Class – Thursday, September 20th at 6:00 pm

Boo-da Halloween – Saturday, October 27th

Arbor Day event with Main Street Department – Saturday, November 3rd; no firm details.

DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Committee Reports

Rita Powell, membership committee chair, reported that FOL membership has grown to over 100 persons in the past month. The municipal building classroom just outside the library has been reserved for joint membership/fundraising committee meetings through the year. She also provided fundraising committee updates. FOL will participate in the Chamber of Commerce Fajita Fiesta the last weekend of September. Besides having a small book sale, FOL will raffle a basket of items provided by local merchants. The Assemblage has contributed a handwoven basket from Africa. Committee members will coordinate efforts to seek donations of items to fill it.

Rosalba Cortez-Concha reviewed plans for FOL to have a small book sale booth at Local Fest to be held at Pinbalz Kingdom, 12-5 pm on Sept. 22. An assortment of books will be offered. Plans will be finalized at membership/fundraising committee meeting on Sept. 19.

Rita Powell also reported that committee members have narrowed options to purchase a canopy for outside book sales.

Pam Nelson provided a written report regarding book sales. In the first 4 weeks after the opening of the new library, book sales were $167. There ensued some discussion about raising book prices, based on new categorization. However, those present agreed that pricing structures should remain simplified to keep it easy for librarians; and that prices remain low to encourage repeat buyers.

Marc Hunter and Rosalba Cortez-Concha discussed ongoing project of developing and improving FOL’s online presence. Website is being redesigned and updated. Rosalba reported that FOL Instagram followers have increased to 289.

2019 Treasurer Position

 Janice Kearley agreed to begin learning about the position from Lea in the remaining months of 2019, in anticipation of assuming the role in 2019.

Volunteer and Training Committee

Rosalba proposed that there be more organization and training of FOL members who want to do more volunteer work with FOL. Discussion yielded the recommendation that, instead of establishing a separate committee, the membership and fundraising committees seek a volunteer coordinator to address this need. This will be addressed at the Sept. 19 committee meeting.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Fajita Fiesta—Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30. It will be held downtown, between Main and railroad tracks. FOL has requested book and raffle sales area on porch of the old library. If we get it, we will not need a canopy. Work shifts will need to be organized utilizing many volunteers. Raffle basket items are being requested from local merchants. Plans will be finalized at Sept. 19 committees meeting.

Upcoming Events:

Books and Beer book club will have its second meeting at Two Wheel Brewery on Thursday, Sept. 13, 6:30-7:30 pm. This month’s book is The Hamilton Affair. The book club’s “cookbook potluck” is scheduled for Nov. 8.

Booda Halloween on Oct. 27, outside old library. FOL will provide candy.

The annual Budafest Book Sale is Dec. 1-2. Library Director Melinda Hodge said she has reserved the multi-purpose room in the Municipal Building. How the old library will be utilized for that event is unknown at this time.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

* Discount cards for FOL
* Purchase of canopy for outdoor fundraising events
* Volunteer coordinator

Chamber Luncheon on Sept. 12, 2018

RSVP to Chamber of Commerce at info@budachamber.com or by phone at (512)295-9999. Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Onion Creek Senior Center. Roberta Haas said she plans to attend.

**Next FOL board meeting** is Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m., in the classroom just outside the library in the new Municipal Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.