

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MINUTES

December 8, 2010

Next meeting: January 12, 2011 at the Library, Conference Room, 7 PM.

Call the meeting to order at 7:12 PM by Treasurer, Bob Akbarally

Welcome visitors and guests – Pat Platt

Announcements and correspondence – None

Present: Sandy Ronecker, Karen Moul, Jenny Jarosz, Jane Huber, President, Robert Akbarally, Treasurer, Sandy Baumgardner, Secretary, Jo Day, Betty Mathias, and Geri Hletko

Library Staff: None

Library Board: Jon Platt

Review the Agenda, request for additions – none

REPORTS

Secretary's Report/Minutes

Sandy B moved postponed reading the November Minutes until the January meeting,
Sandy R second, Approved

Treasury Report

Treasurer's report for October 2010 submitted for file.

October checking account balance, 24,043.11; petty cash \$100;

CD account \$21,699.34 leaving for a Grand Total Balance of \$45,842.45.

Jane and Bob will meet Saturday morning at Brookfield Bank to shift another \$10,000 from our checking account into a CD.

Director's Report – Postponed to next month.

Library Board Report

Jon reported that the Library Board of Trustees are requesting the FOL to provide input to draft of the Library's long-term plans. The Grand Prairie Crossing Holiday shopping walk scheduled for Thursday, December 9, was given a plug. This group supports many of the FOL activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Taste of Brookfield

Tax letters for business and other contributors has been postponed until Monday, December 13 due to Kim's illness. Jenny and Jane welcome any help.

Book Sorters Group

Book Nook No new report.

Book Sorters Group

Curtains made by Staff member Becky Huebler are up on the new shelves in the community room. These shelves are designated for sorted Library discards. The Sorters will try to get dates selected for the next Book Sale in time to promote it in the January-February Library newsletter. This next Sale is planning to have all topics, with a Friday night for FOL members only, and if we have enough books a Sunday Bag Sale. Jenny and others continue to develop other outlets for unsold books.

Membership

Karen distributed a FOL Membership Roster noting it is a work in progress. The roster focuses on the most recent years memberships of record. Karen is working on an article promoting the 2011 Membership drive reflecting the new rates:

Individuals - \$10, Family - \$25, Senior - \$5, Corporate \$50, Lifetime - \$100, and Patron - \$200.

New membership forms will be made available at the check out desk. Jane will see that the new information gets up on the Library's website.

Outreach – no report in Jerry's absence however there was discussion on:

Shopping coupon books – FOL made \$15 on the project.

Christmas Walk – Jane report enthusiastically about the grand success of our trolley, the good nature and support from the Driver and the assistance from Betty of Betty's Flowers on getting such a good price. Others chimed in about the fabulousness of our Polar Express Conductor, Jon Platt and the pleasure the riders got for their Bells. A better scheme for handling the Bells was the only expressed concern. We need to come up with a way to keep them from getting tangled!!!!!!

We miss Jerry at our December party meeting, but we sure enjoyed his chocolates and cheesecake and more chocolate cake. Jerry sure knows how to take care of us. Thank you Jerry.

FOL newsletter

Topics for the January – February newsletter page will highlight our Holiday activities and the Membership Drive for 2011. If possible promotional info for the next Book Sale will be ready. Illness has hit the Sorters hard this Fall and there is a lot of work around setting a date, room availability, additional volunteer availability for the date, etc., etc., etc!

OLD BUSINESS –

Bank CD accounts, we agreed on making \$20,000 a 2-year account and \$10,000 a 1-year account.

NEW BUSINESS –

The group agreed to ask candidates for the Library Board to come and introduce themselves at the next FOL library meeting. Coming would also provide them with a view of the Friends and how we work for the Library. It would also give them a chance to get to know the Friends better.

Meeting adjourned: 7:52 PM

Respectfully submitted: Sandra Baumgardner, Secretary