

Friends of the Westside Library Minutes of the meeting 09/14/2010

In attendance:

Theodore Odom, Rod Miller, Tho Tran Miller, Terry Ruiz, Dorothy Sacks, Mary Ruth Rhodenbaugh, Steve Zach, Marie Ferguson, Stacy L. Adams, Cathy Threadgill

The meeting was called to order by Theodore Odom at 7 PM. The minutes of the last meeting (08/24/2010) were read and presented. The minutes were accepted as read.

Copies of the revised bylaws were made and handed out. The members present will submit changes to Teresa Ruiz in email and the new bylaws will be voted upon at the next meeting after a round of email revisions if they are necessary. Revisions must be received by Teresa by September 30th and second revisions must be received by October 6th. If members send no feedback by those dates, it will be assumed that they accept the bylaws as written and have no revisions to send.

Historically, Friends groups have raised money for the opening collection for any new library. Since the Brazoria County Library system estimates that this collection (including books, furniture, computers, etc.) will probably cost at least \$275,000, the group set a goal of raising \$100,000 per year for the next three years to help fund the collection.

Having an independent board of directors apart from our officers was discussed and the thought was that the organization is not large enough for this at this time.

Marie Ferguson and Steve Zach were set the task of finding a slate of officers to be voted on at the January annual meeting. Rod Miller will receive documents from the strategic planning in email and keep us on task with how to proceed with our plans.

Membership dues were set at \$25.00 per family per year with no objections from those attending.

Theodore Odom will attend a Texas State sponsored workshop on applying for Texas State library grants in San Antonio to find out more about how we can raise funds from corporate sponsors. MUD 6, MUD 3, Silverlake HOA, Southwyck HOA and Shadow Creek Ranch HOA have already been asked to donate \$1000.00 apiece to our efforts. Contacts are being made with Teir Allender of the Pearland Town Center who may be able to donate space for events for our group and who strongly supports having the library as an anchor at the Mall.

Since National Library Week will be coming up on April 10th thru April 16th, we will be planning an event to take place at that time which will be fun as well as being a fundraiser and membership drive for our group. National Friends of the Library week is in October and we will plan something for that week in 2011. We would pursue a proclamation by the city council declaring National Library Week and publicizing our event. We will pursue a partnership with the Adult Reading Center as well.

Possible locations for a new library building were discussed and our Brazoria County members mentioned that their dream would be to have a library around 518 and 288 and another one south on Hwy 6. This would still be several years away though if it happens. Also, these members set us straight on the *one library per city* rule. Nowhere is this written in Brazoria County's rules. It was apparently said once and has been repeated many times by various officials and in the media, but it is not true.

Having a used book sale was also discussed as another possible fundraising event.

Regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at the Nolan Ryan Jr. High on Shadow Creek Road. There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 19th at 7:00 PM at Nolan Ryan Jr. High. Officers will be elected at our annual meeting in January.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Sacks, Secretary