

Friends of the Westside Library Minutes of the meeting 02/24/2011

In attendance: Raymond Ruiz, Dorothy Sacks, Marie Ferguson, Terry Ruiz, Rod Miller, Tho Tran Miller, Cathy Threadgill, Stacy Adams, Marilyn Schwettmann

At 7:15 PM, Raymond Ruiz opened the meeting with introductions of the members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Dorothy Sacks and accepted as presented.

The Treasurer reported that we have \$5.00 (the minimum allowed) in our savings account and \$356.00 in our checking account at present. She ordered checks which will involve a charge of \$9.00. We are still waiting on sufficient funds to send in our non-profit status application to the state. We had \$120.00 in new memberships which will be deposited this week.

Cathy Threadgill and Commissioner Adams went to Austin and saw the legislators to talk about library funding. The state of Texas is zeroing out many of our library funds. If the state budget goes through as proposed, schools will lose all databases, interlibrary loans will be gone, all money for training and consultants and grants will be gone. On the Federal level, there is a bill proposed which would take away all federal money for museums and libraries. HB 2128 which provides that telecoms must provide discounts to libraries, schools and hospitals will be gone if a new bill is not passed. AT and T is lobbying hard to make this bill go away. We need to write to our state legislators about continuing to make telecoms give this discount to our libraries, schools and hospitals.

March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> are Brazoria County days in Austin. There will be buses going from Pearland to Austin for these dates.

The author dinner is on March 29<sup>th</sup> and tickets are \$30.00

The Angleton booksale was very successful.

The Alvin Library is projected to reopen on April 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the Alvin librarian hours that have been being used to help with the substation will be gone and we will need volunteers to be trained and to take over the 40 hours per week that these librarians have been doing for us.

Terry Ruiz reported that the April Event will not be hosted at Kroger. We will have a literacy land at the Wilder School Carnival from 12 pm to 4 pm. We will have a layout of the space next week. Dorothy volunteered to do a story time and to get girl scouts to help with the event. Rod and others volunteered to get boy scouts to help. We will have the Child Find and the Dare people at our event. We will have a recruitment table as well. We would like to set up a recruitment table at the Silverlake Carnival and at the Silvercrest Fun Run as well.

Stacy offered to pay for a generic banner that can be used at all our events.

We are also looking into having tables at the Westside Event center concerts during the summer months.

Marilyn Schwettmann introduced herself as part of an architectural firm which built a library at Sienna Plantation and which will bid on the contract to build our library when the time comes. We talked about going to see the library at Sienna Plantation.

The meeting was closed and adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Sacks, Secretary

Our commissioners for the county are:

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The Brazoria County Website is:

<http://www.brazoria-county.com/>

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The county library website is:

<http://bcls.lib.tx.us/>

Our branch is listed at: <http://bcls.lib.tx.us/branches/pws/pearlandwest.asp>