

Friends of the Westside Library Minutes of the meeting 03/24/2011

In attendance: Raymond Ruiz, Dorothy Sacks, Marie Ferguson, Tho Tran Miller, Catherine O'Brien, Stacy Adams, Michelle Adams, Mayor Tom Reid, Larry Stanley, Lisa Loranc, Amit Joshi, Steve Zach,

At 7:00 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 our current balance of funds is \$476. Our check order went through for \$9.36 and we now have checks. TDECU credit union offers us a better interest on checking than on savings so we only have the \$5.00 minimum in savings and the balance of our money is in the checking account.

Library Report by Lisa Lorenc:

Statistics on the substation were presented. We are circulating over 900 items per hour keeping our part time librarian, Jasmine, very busy. One staff member will remain at the substation when the Alvin Library reopens, but it will be a new person. The Alvin Library should be reopened by the summer and there is a plan in place to take care of the \*trickle-down\* effect. Up until this point, in addition to our 20 hour per week librarian, another staff member has been working 32 to 35 hours per week to keep up with the volume at the substation.

In legislative news, some money has been returned to the budget, but the telecom bill is still a problem. Mr. Mike Jackson is attempting to do away with the telecom discount. Note that the bill does not eliminate telecom profits; it limits them to 5% to 10%.

A basket has been donated for the author dinner in our name. The author dinner in Angleton has the authors of Spindletop and the evening should be an interesting one.

Two long term staff members are retiring. Our Pearland Children's Librarian will be taking over in Lake Jackson and some other staffing shifts will be happening due to the retirements.

Amit Joshi reported that there has been no progress on accessing the old domain name for a website, so he is pursuing paying for a new domain name. He is looking into [pearlandwestsidelibraryfriends.org](http://pearlandwestsidelibraryfriends.org). We should be able to put a PayPal button on the site for donations. Lisa will inquire as to whether or not the Brazoria County link for the Substation can have a PayPal button as well.

Tho Miller reported that we will have an informational booth on March 26<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Silvercrest Fun Run. Dorothy will prepare flyers with the membership information to hand out. She will pick up the banner which Stacy donated so graciously to use at that time. We will have some membership cards to hand out at this table.

Marie Ferguson reported that the April event is in a good location in a large patch of grass on the Kingsley side of the school. We are in a good visible location. Mayor Reid has agreed to read to children at 12:15 PM and Councilman Sherman will read at 12:30 PM. The DARE officer is booked. We will have a bean bag toss game which some scouts will help with. We will have some bookmarks available to hand out with the substation hours on them.

In addition, we will have an informational booth at the Shadow Creek Ranch Easter Egg hunt on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

We will also be participating in the Taste of Pearland at the Pearland Town Center on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM. Councilman Sherman got the booth fee reduced for our group.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 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/>

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

The county library website is:

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

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