

Friends of the Westside Library Minutes of the meeting 06/23/2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The minutes of the last meeting was read by Dorothy Sacks and approved.

The treasurers report was read. We have a balance of \$904.63 left after the money for the state incorporation as an 501(C)3 was taken out. There are two more documents needed for the papers. The application is being sent in with a return receipt requested

We discussed creating a wish list that people would like our library to have on the website, but nothing has been done about this as of yet.

The city's timeline for the storefront is to have one open in 2015.

The Texas library budgets have been severely cut by the state. One consequence of this is that the county library system will have to absorb the postage on the interlibrary loan program. The textshare databases were cut by three quarters and the fees are increasing by 35% to \$57,000 per month. Brazoria County is not cutting hours or closing branches. The telecom bill did pass so at least the fees there will not be raised.

The Angleton Booksale will be held August 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at the Angleton Library. Money raised by this event goes to the County Library System. Hours for the sale are 5 pm to 8 pm on August 4<sup>th</sup> and 9 am to 6 pm on August 5<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Gulf Coast Reads starts on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Our Westside Substation will have one of the six speaking engagements by the chosen author. The author, Chitra Banerjee Divakaruna wrote One Amazing Thing. She will be speaking at the Westside Event Center on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. We need to see about getting some food donated for the event and possibly come up with other ideas. We voted to support this with \$200.00 to help with the speakers fees. We donated \$200.00 toward the speaker's fee.

The July and August meetings have been cancelled and our next meeting will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet in October, but not in November or December due to the holidays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Sacks, Secretary

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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>