

Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 9/22/11

The meeting was called to order at 7PM.

Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$738.76.

501c3 status required a name change registered with the state: state read Friends of Pearland Westside Library and federal read Friends of the Pearland Westside Library. Treasurer to take care of required change. Treasurer also discussed with Cathy Threadgill the idea of providing copies of all this groups documents so that a complete record is more readily available for those that have reason to need the information. It also would serve as a backup for the documents.

President told of plans to meet with Pearland City Manager Bill Eisen regarding the city's commitment of funds to a store front library location to be located in the Shadow Creek Ranch area or very near highway 288 in the general area of 518 to 2234.

Cathy Threadgill explained the separation of costs between the city and county for a library facility. The city is responsible for providing the library infrastructure, including the space; furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and library materials inventory. The county provides funds for staffing, computers and internet lines. Cathy stated that an initial book inventory for a full size library could run from \$500,000 to as much as \$2 million.

Cathy Threadgill also explained that the county has budgeted a full time position to man the sub-station at the Westside Events Center beginning with the October 1 budget year. She expects the sub-station to maintain current operating hours. She went on to say that volunteers willing to commit time to the sub-station would likely be welcome come January 2012.

The county library is sponsoring its annual Author Dinner which will be held on March 29 in Angleton. Author Isabel Davis will discuss her book "The Edges of Texas". The group is expected to contribute a basket to be included in the auction activities. Last year County Commissioner Stacy Adams generously contributed a basket on the group's behalf. But we have a little money this year and we will need to contribute.

It was agreed that the group would meet again on October 27 and that the next subsequent meeting would not be held until January 2012 due to holiday scheduling challenges.

Respectfully Submitted,
Raymond Ruiz