

Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 10/27/2011

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The minutes of the September meeting were read by Raymond and approved.

The treasurer reported a beginning balance of \$738.76, two new memberships and a new balance of \$878.91 as of 10/27/2011

The officers signed the signature sheet for the bylaws so that the Bylaws could be submitted to the state. We voted to keep the official name as Friends of the Pearland Westside Library to make the name consistent on both the state and federal forms. Marie Ferguson will send the paperwork in.

A county movie license for the Westside Event Center was discussed and it was decided that this was unnecessary as there is no way to show movies at the substation.

The sub-station will be accepting volunteers in January and there is a short training which will be provided for them.

The full-time person at the substation has been hired and has started working. Her name is Jasmine Moses.

On March 29, the Brazoria County author dinner will be held. The book choice is The Edges of Texas. We will need to provide a basket for the auction. Raymond will look into items from Froberg Farms for this purpose. Various suggestions were made for items to put in the basket.

Bill Eisen met with Raymond and Terry and reported that the city has allotted \$550,000 for the library storefront in the current budget year. The initial inventory was allotted \$300,000 and the remainder of \$250,000 would go toward fixtures and furniture. The earliest commitment would come during the summer.

Because the Brazoria County budget will not be known until May or June, the city and County will begin looking for space more aggressively in June or July. It was suggested that we contact Jeff Brennan at the Suzuki Dealership for space. Stacy reported the library committee met and the preliminary numbers for the county look good. For the third week in May through Oct 1st, the sales tax is up and this is a good sign. The numbers are close to the 2009 revenue figures now.

It was suggested that we ask Constable Kanter about storage for our books for the library sales. We need to solicit books for the book sales again, but we need to figure out what categories of books to take and we will need to have a place to drop off and storage for the books.

Options for fundraising were discussed including:

1. Participation in the Pearland Town Center Treelighting Event (We voted to go ahead with that)
2. PTA Events at Silvercrest School (Tho Miller will contact the Silvercrest PTA)
3. Having Macy's Santa read a story to children as a Friends event.
4. Approaching Chik-a-fila to do some fundraisers like they do for the schools
5. Having a number for the Kroger's and Randall's cards so that people can donate through their cards.
6. Approaching Barnes and Noble about sponsoring a story hour or other activity for visibility and/or fundraising.
7. Virtual Library Sponsorships through the website.

Our next meeting will be on December 8, 2011 at 7 PM at the Brazoria County North Substation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Sacks