

## Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 02/23/2012

---

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

Present at the meeting were: Raymond Ruiz, Dorothy Sacks, Marie Ferguson, Lisa Lorenc

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: The current balance in the checking account is \$1049.67. The savings account balance is \$5.00. We have our 501(C)3 status, but still need our state filing. If we sell t-shirts or other merchandise, we will need to send in sales tax .

Library report by Lisa Lorenc:

The Brazoria County Library System is now accepting credit cards for fines, but there is a \$2.00 flat fee for all transactions from \$.50 to \$66.00 so it may not be productive to use a credit card for small fines.

Our basket for March 29<sup>th</sup> will be needed soon. Marie is getting donations for our theme which is a Road Trip.

The Book Sale in Angleton made \$3450.

A new branch manager, Melissa Neiber, was hired for the Marvel Library. She had been the reference librarian in Lake Jackson prior to her new post.

The State Library Conference (TLA) will be in Houston this year at the George R. Brown Convention Center. It will be held from April 17<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup> and there will be many exhibits.

We will have another author event at the Westside Event Center on May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. John Hoffmeister will talk about his book Why We Hate the Oil Companies. The friends group is being asked to provide refreshments.

The Summer Reading Club will start in June.

Adult programming is being planned for the West Side Branch, but space is holding this up.

Gulf Coast Reads will happen in October. The book is not yet announced, but we got a preview. The book will be The Almost True Diary of a Part Time Indian.

Volunteers for the Westside Library will start being trained soon. Volunteering will be in 2 hour blocks. Volunteers will be most needed over the holidays. Training will be on Tuesday or Thursday in a 4 to 5 hour block. Dorothy Sacks, Marie Ferguson and Lydia Fluitt wish to take the training. Jessica will contact them about when this can be done.

Other business:

Raymond reported that he is working on a book club for a week night. He would like 4 to 20 people and would like to do a different book each month. Barnes and Noble may be solicited to provide coffee. The book club might meet at the Precinct 4 North Annex where the Friends Group currently meets. Lisa suggested that he contact Jessica at the West Side Branch to coordinate this.

We need to put anything we do on the Friends Page at the Brazoria County Website.

We may have guest speakers at our meetings (Scott Sherman, Greg Hill?) to attract more people.

Dues for the year are due - \$20.00 per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorothy Sacks

Fundraising ideas (from January Meeting):

The water bill money is in the library board account and there is about \$250 for both libraries.

We would like to have book sales at the schools.

We would like to make bookmarks for donations.

We need to begin collecting books for book sales again.

T-shirt sales are another possibility. A Book without a Home is Lonely was mentioned as a possible slogan.

Steve Zach volunteered to look into getting t-shirts made.

Terry Ruiz will look into a Fall Carnival at Wilder for our group.

We need to get into the Best Magazine Mailer and into the Silverlake, Shadow Creek and Southwyck Newsletters.

We might auction off dinner with city officials and/or county officials.

We may be able to have a monthly spirit night at New York Pizza.

Several local businesses do gift cards with money back – Chili's, BJ Brewery, Gringos, etc.