

Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 03/22/2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report: The current balance in the checking account is \$1109.86. The savings account balance is \$5.00. There was \$194.00 in paypal which has now been deposited. We have had 3 memberships added since the last meeting. We need more lead time next time we want to do a basket or other fundraising event.

Library report:

Our basket will be needed at Angleton by March 29th at 1 PM

We will have another author event at the Westside Event Center on May 7th 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 will be Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer.

A few volunteers have been trained for the Westside Branch. Lydia and Dorothy have been trained.

The Westside Book Club will begin on Monday, April 16th at 6:30 PM at the Westside Event Center. It is planned to be a regular event on the third Monday of each month.

Other business:

We need to submit a list of things to change and add to the website to Amit. Email Raymond with upcoming events. These should be added to the Brazoria County website as well.

Fundraising

Raymond has drafted a letter for fundraising from businesses. We want to start a donor wall with different levels of donations

- Platinum - \$1000
- Gold - \$ 500
- Silver - \$ 250
- Bronze - \$ 100

We should get estimates on having people who donate get a plaque. If they continue to donate, a year bar would be added to the plaque. We will try to find someone who can donate the plaques.

We need to get our events and activities into the neighborhood publications. Silverlake has a newsletter, Shadow Creek Ranch has a newsletter. Southgate, Silver Creek, and other HOA publications are possible. We should also approach Ultimate Pearland and the Pearland Reporter.

Terry and Marie are pursuing a booth at Wilder's carnival. Terry has also suggested a talent show with Stacy and Scott and other political people interested in helping us.

We adjourned at 8 PM

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.