

Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 04/26/2012

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 \$1306.13. The savings account balance is \$5.00.

Amit reported that the website is now up to date and that we need to continue to keep him informed of new events we would like him to post.

Lydia Fluitt from the Friends of the Pearland Library spoke to us about programming and workshops that could be held at the Westside Event Center. Tim Tingel, a Choctaw native storyteller will present 5 events. We are asking for November dates for these events. Lydia would like to promote a storytelling guild for Brazoria County. We are also checking on using an Alvin ISD school for Tim's largest event because we could have light refreshments if we use the cafeteria and a larger crowd could be accommodated.

The door count for the Pearland Library is next week and some people signed up to help with that.

The Westside Book club will be meeting on the third Monday of each month. The book chosen for May was The Marriage Plot by Jeffrey Eugenides.

Library Report:

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. More people are needed.

The summer reading club begins on May 29th. The Children's theme is Get a Clue. The teen theme is Teen Scene Investigation.

The Brazoria county system made \$11,566.00 from the Foundation Dinner and Dow Chemical donated \$10,000. Our basket at the dinner brought in \$110.00. New computers to replace outdated ones are being bought with this money.

On Monday, at the author event, there will be 24 copies of the author's book available for people to buy at \$25.00 per book.

There will be a secret shopper program for all the libraries and volunteers are needed to be secret shoppers and to report on service. They need 1 person for each scenario to visit all 11 libraries. This will happen in May. An honorarium of \$50 will be given to volunteers. The people will have 30 days to visit 11 branches. Those interested need to contact Lisa Lorenc llorenc@bcls.lib.tx.us or 281-756-1505 to sign up. Scenarios include using the data bases, downloading ebooks, getting a library card, reading online newsletters, and one more.

Other business:

We voted to support the crafts events at the library by donating \$100 per year.

The Exchange Club of Pearland has a roast every year. It was suggested that we could do a roast as a fundraiser.

We adjourned at 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Sacks