

Friends of the Pearland Westside Library – Meeting Minutes 05/24/2012

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The second book for the Book Club will be Why We Hate the Oil Companies by John Hofmeister. The meeting of the book club will be on June 18, 2012.

Amit reports that the website is up to date.

There are no updates on the volunteer training for the Substation.

The city is looking at a 7 year lease on a storefront. There are two possible locations under consideration. The first is on Shadow Creek Parkway across the street from the Hilton Hotel in a strip mall, the other is near the HEB on 518 and Business Center Road. The city has indicated interest in a location at the Pearland Town Center, but has not heard anything from the management about that possibility.

The storefront will be approximately 6000 square feet in area.

The Friends funds will be used for books and for small things like plastic tubs for craft supplies.

The loose time frame is December occupancy, with a January or February opening. There will probably be a soft opening before the grand opening. Books will be bought shelf-ready. Volunteers will be needed to help shelve.

Six staff people will be working at the new facility. Jasmine Moses will be our full time librarian. Ashley will work 20 hours per week. We will need a clerk, a manager and 2 shelvers (10 hours per week). We will have a children's librarian.

Lydia Fluitt from the Friends of the Pearland Library group is working to arrange for Tim Tingel to come for a storytelling and writing workshop and a concert in January or February. We are attempting to arrange this in connection with our new storefront opening. There would be a writing workshop for adults at 10 am to 2 pm on a Saturday, a storytelling workshop for children and a concert. The concert would probably be on a Sunday Afternoon. Marie Ferguson and Terry Ruiz are looking into using a school cafeteria for the concert as this would allow for a larger audience and light refreshments. We would be hoping for 100 people at the concert and could sell tickets and use it as a fundraiser.

PISD and AISD might be interested in having Tim give some workshops at the schools. Dorothy will contact the librarians at PISD. Marie will contact people in AISD to see what can be done.

Partnership donation levels of:

\$ 100	Friends
\$ 250	Gold
\$ 500	Platinum
\$1000	Diamond
\$5000	Patron

were approved.

Gold and up will be recognized on our website. Platinum and up will be recognized at the new venue. It will be determined if plaques can be given for these donations with a place for the year for new donations each year. A donor wall type needs to be determined. We can use the Pear Tree format since it was not used at the Pearland Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Sacks