

**The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.**

**The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.**

**The treasurer's report was read and approved. Marie reports that the IRS has sent a request to correct our EIN.**

The next book for the book club will be *The Paris Wife*. Discussion will take place on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Westside Event Center.

The books for the next few months have been chosen:

October *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn

November *The Next Best Thing* by Jennifer Weiner

December *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot

### **Brazoria County Library Report**

The Brazoria County booksale made \$3750.00. Two non-profits came and took the left over children's books. One of these will ship books to Kenya. Better World books took 15 boxes of books to sell on the internet. Scouts helped to pack up the books. Recyclers will not take books because it is too labor intensive to rip off all the covers.

Gulf Coast Reads is coming up and the book chosen is *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close* by Jonathan Safran Foer.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, CDM Smith Engineering will be sponsoring a Golf Tournament at the Wildcat Golf Course. Proceeds will be donated to the Westside Library this year. The usual amount that is produced from this event is \$20,000 to \$30,000. Thanks to Mr. Bill Eisen for connecting us to this event as a fundraiser for our new library.

The 125<sup>th</sup> birthday for United Way is also coming up soon.

The Libraries will have a float in the County Fair with the theme of Librarians Protecting Knowledge from 3000 BC to the present. The Fair is on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Teen Read Month is October 14<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>. The book chosen for this month is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. The author will be giving a presentation on Oct 6<sup>th</sup> in Freeport.

Signs for the National Friends of the Library Week for October 21<sup>st</sup> to October 27<sup>th</sup> can be placed in our yards.

Library staff will have their first staff picnic with a theme of getting to know each other on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 6 pm at Mohawk Park.

Legislative Day is coming up soon. As constituents, we need to make appointments to meet with staff and representatives to lobby for no more cuts to our library budgets. Phone calls can also be used. Last year the state library budgets were cut 68% when the average department was only cut by 35%. Grants to the county system are now 0 when they used to be \$75,000. The county has had to cut databases and even with these cuts, the databases have tripled in cost. The courier system for interlibrary loans has also tripled. The country has had to shift money out of books in order to maintain it's staff. Our senator is John Cornyn. Our representative is Pete Olson. Larry Taylor and Ed Thompson can also be contacted.

John Hoffmeister who wrote *Why We Hate the Oil Companies* will present for a second time on January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Lake Jackson Library.

### **Fundraising**

Fundraising is in a holding pattern until the IRS and EIN gets straightened out.

Nicole Tonini and Terry Ruiz are still working on the Talent Show for the end of February at Nolan Ryan Jr. High. Some possible acts include Judy Zavala as Minnie Pearl, Bob Lewis as Elvis, and one of the constables who is a professional clown.

Dorothy will contact Dawson about the Tim Tingel Concert in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dorothy Sacks