

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

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

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Talking points for the legislative session were given to the group. 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 county 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.

The lease on our new storefront is on the City Council Agenda for the October 1st meeting. The lease will be on the Storefront behind HEB and the City Council has had a meeting with an architect about the build out.

Gulf Coast Reads is in October and the book chosen is Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close by Jonathan Safran Foer. 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 13th.

Teen Read Month is October 14th to October 20th. 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 6th in Freeport.

Signs for the National Friends of the Library Week for October 21st to October 27th can be placed in our yards. It may be possible to have an event at the Pearland Town Center for this.

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

November is Alzheimers Awareness Month and the libraries are partnering with The Gathering Place to present programs throughout the county.

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

Fundraising

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

Tim Tingel will perform on the first weekend in February. Cisco will provide refreshments, but no advertising is to be done for the company.

Nicole Tonini and Terry Ruiz are still working on the Talent Show for the end of February at Nolan Ryan Jr. High. The Talent Show will be held on February 23rd from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the cafeteria at Nolan Ryan Jr. High. We will need people to set up at 6:00 pm and people to clean up at 9:00 pm.

Marie made a motion to approve buying t-shirts to sell with our logo and a slogan. Dorothy seconded the motion and this was approved.

We discussed fundraisers at Chick Fil A, Kroger (a recyclable bag, perhaps), Cafe Press website, sponsoring a box from Better World Books, etc.

Upcoming programs at the Pearland Library and in Houston were also discussed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Sacks