

Friends of Pearland Westside Library - Quarterly Business Meeting

November 16, 2017 - Meeting Notes

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 9 people in attendance: Carol Krenzke-President, Stephanie Williamson -BCLS Children's Services Coordinator, Fred Krenzke -Treasurer, Amit Joshi-VicePresident, Melissa Salnave-PWS Librarian, Kate Guynn - PWS Children's Specialist, Mira Johnson, Joan Schauer, and Karen Sanders-Secretary.

Minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Fred presented the Treasurer's report. Year-to-date, we have added \$5,226 and spent \$919. We have a cash balance of \$27,576 as of 10/31/17. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Stephanie Williamson - BCLS Children's Services Coordinator, provided the county report. Brazcon (Brazoria County Teen Comic Convention) is scheduled for Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9am - 4pm at Shadow Creek High School. The event is free and is sponsored by BCLS, Alvin ISD, and Communities in Schools. We are glad that an event is being held in Pearland. School buses will be available to bus children in from all over the county.

World Book Online is available now, a valuable resource for everyone.

The new Pearland library is on track and will be opening mid to end January. It will be gorgeous.

Scott McCaskill, a library founding member, passed away. Services are on Friday.

Clute library received a 50k grant to revive library and make a family place library for families with young children. This is something libraries are trying to do now. Another component was to go to New York for training (Ginny Koenig - Clute librarian and Stephanie went), which included workshops and training for parents and children (age birth to 3) in a play environment, with toys and books, and educational materials for parents.

Melissa gave the Branch Librarian's report. Hurricane Harvey closed the library for two weeks. We checked in 3600 items after Veteran's Day.

Had a lock-in on November 3rd; and need to be reimbursed \$25.17 for pizza. Approved.

Had 250 kids come through the Halloween festival, which was planned and ran by the teen advisory group.

The Best Buy grant failed, however Lori Purvis (BCLS Director) purchased a \$2700 3D printer for our library. It is a polyprinter 229, able to print 9x9x9, all enclosed, with filtration, and warranty and service contract. The Friends group will fund print cartridges(filament) for up to \$60/month; this allows the library to offer free 3D printing.

Melissa went to Maker Faire on October 21, ran by Innovation Spark. The event is a "family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity, and resourcefulness". It was very successful and an annual event. Amit inquired about the Children's Festival and Stephanie will check on it.

Melissa provided a wishlist for the next 6 months, which included Nintendo for \$495.99, PS4 for \$567.99, Legos for \$200, Keurig for \$115, and conference attendance for \$980. We approved the Legos, PS4, and conference (Melissa to PLA, Kate to TLA). Mira Johnson volunteered to donate the Keurig. Gaming will be setup with programming purpose and restricted access; we would be pioneering ways to get the teens and tweens groups more interested. The Legos will be used for STEM Camp activities and summer programs for over 60 kids.

Kate's wishlist included puzzles for \$66.72, pretend play items for \$162.54, and Baby Bounce toys for \$74.97. For a total cost of \$310.42.

Approved to fund approximately \$2100 for both wishlists and look for donations to offset cost.

We are not going to worry about reimbursing the \$1500 Lion's Club donation for children's tablets; Tom West is aware of what was purchased.

Our book sale resulted in \$901.41 proceeds. We had 10 volunteers, 228 customers, and highest traffic time on Saturday from 10a.m. - 2pm. We still have a lot of books left and need to clear out some. Many thanks to Bob and Theresa and Mira and Carol for their work on Thursdays, from 2-4, to prepare for book sale.

The Annual meeting will be on January 30, 2018 at 7:00pm with a meet and greet at 6:30. Will check if Pearland city can provide update on new library. We approved up to \$100 for refreshments, but will check with HEB for donations. We need flyers to advertise the meeting; Melissa and Carol will get these out. Officer election to be held is for Vice President, we nominate Amit for this position. President and secretary expire 12/18; treasurer expires 12/19.

We will raffle off a 3D printer, from November 27-December 15. Melissa will create tickets - 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5.

Next quarterly meeting will be on February 15, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39.