

Friends of Pearland Westside Library
February 15, 2018 Meeting Notes

Carol called the meeting to order at 7:00 with 11 people in attendance: Carol Krenzke-President, Stephanie Williamson-BCLS Children's Services Coordinator, Fred Krenzke -Treasurer, Melissa Salnave-PWS Librarian, Kate Guynn-PWS Children's Specialist, Joan Schauer, Mira Johnson, Diedra Mears, Janice Clark, Diane Sanders, and Karen Sanders-Secretary.

Minutes from the November 2017 meeting were approved.

No Treasurer's report tonight because there was no change since the Annual meeting. (We have a cash balance of \$27,689 as of 12/31/17.)

Library Director's report was given by Stephanie.

Staff needs a Cataloging Supervisor and a Children's Specialist. Upcoming activities include staff development and the PLA conference.

Fab Lab Symposium will be March 6-7 in Houston. Patrick Farrell and other vendors will be demonstrating how to use their products and setup a maker space.

Brazoria County is trying to start a quilting maker space.

Centrix technology being used to better track our iPad equipment.

Springshare Suite is used to book study rooms, online meeting rooms. May be able to use with reading clubs too.

BrazCon was last month. It was an excellent program with 5800 tickets given out. We scanned only about half that amount, but not everyone was scanned so we don't have an accurate count. We will have a BrazCon 2019; Alvin ISD will probably still sponsor.

Freeport branch will have a free after school cafe this summer, in partnership with Houston Food Bank. Lori met with HFB to discuss expanding program to other branches.

AARP Tax Service will provide free income tax prep services at several branches. This will be available for all, not just retirees.

Early voting will be held here; we are glad that we can help with this endeavor.

The new Pearland branch library in the Tom Reid building is finished and city and county officials have toured. But we still have lots to do before opening. It is going to be beautiful, with additional conference rooms, study rooms, and a maker space. Getting shelving, getting books out of storage, and getting new furniture will be done soon. Plans to open March 5, with grand opening later in March. We need to be advocates and take action to get Congress interested in library funding. If we don't get funding, programs and databases will be cut.

Melissa gave the Branch Librarian's report.

We are adding a new program, Adult Craft and Chat. March Meeting is on loom knitting.

Imagine Playtime is scheduled for March 23; it is for age group 1 - 6, toddlers and preschoolers. This is a continuous program.

Summer Reading Club plans are underway for all 3 clubs. "Libraries Rock" - music is the theme for this year, (space for 2019, mythology for 2020). Astros Orbit will visit, DJ Jeffrey will visit, we'll have 2 science and music programs, and will have gift card drawings. Teen reading will include some programming and a pizza lock in. Adult reading will have weekly \$25 gift card drawings and \$50 grand prize and folded book art for person who reads the most. The reading program will run from June 1 through July 31 and we will need \$1698.05, approximately \$1700 to fund it.

For the biweekly STEM camps we need to get 6 robots at \$129 each. We can seek funding from the community, but would like to have for the fall, since STEM camps are suspended during the summer because of the reading clubs. We can setup an Amazon wishlist for Pearland Westside Library Friends. We've had a lot of toys donated but we need storage solutions.

All of these activities are for bringing family and children into the library.

The request for \$1700 for summer reading program was approved and we will seek donations for the robots.

Book sales will be held quarterly on a Saturday, from 10-2. Carol and Melissa will decide on dates. Setup will be from 4-6 on Friday before sale; dismantling will be 2-close after the sale. Unsold books should be taken to Half Priced Books or donated to African library project.

Audit of books need to happen. This involves reviewing treasures work, checking receipts, and reconciling bank statements. Diane and Karen volunteered to get with Fred for this task.

For the summer reading program raffle, it was suggested that we get HD Fire tablets. Carol and Melissa will work out a time. Diane will donate the tablets.

The author dinner with Scott Parazynski will be on March 20; tickets are \$40. There will be a silent auction. Each Friends group will donate a basket of at least \$50 in value. It was suggested that our basket could include the book "Into Thin Air". Deidra volunteered to take on the basket project; Janice volunteered to donate \$100 for the basket. The basket needs to be completed by March 13.

Our Friends group needs more members, we need helping hands. This year our focus should be on increasing membership. Some ideas included having a booth (\$30 fee) at the monthly farmers market at Town Center and advertising at children events at the library. We need to check with Kate; Diedra can do Thursday's Storytime. And Diedra volunteered to update the webpage and Facebook; she needs to get information and access from Amit.

\$18.06 was leftover from the Annual Meeting refreshments funds; the amount was donated to the library.

Next quarterly meeting dates were scheduled for third Thursdays at 7pm on May 17, August 16, and October 18.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20.