**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY**

Minutes of Board Meeting--Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Board Members Present: Bill Altmann, Jamie Lee, Zach Teegardin, Cheryl Bollish and Kevin Garraway

Board Members Absent: none

Others Present: Carla Woodworth, Melinda Hodges and Lola Watson

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 6:34 pm by Bill Altmann, President. The meeting was conducted in person. Lola Watson was introduced by Jaime. She has a local bookstore, currently in a book trailer and her store focuses on children and teen readers. She also had some suggestions for updating technology uses such as a QR code to track uses of our Perks Partners uses by Friends members.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Board minutes:** Motion made by Kevin and seconded by Jaime to accept minutes from the April 5, 2023 Board meeting. All were in favor.
2. **Treasurer’s report:** Zach Teegardin provided emailed reports. Balance in Money Market is $6,150.91. Balance in Checking account is $11,57105. Zach reported that our check to GlowForge was lost in the mail and payment was made by card. Revision of the statement will be made in the May treasurer’s report. Motion made by Cheryl and seconded by Bill to accept the Treasurer’s report. All were in favor. Treasurer’s report is attached to meeting minutes.

**LIBRARIAN’S REPORT**

Melinda Hodges, Librarian, presented her monthly report and reported that the Memorandum of Understanding document is with the city’s legal department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOOKS**: Kevin reported that he has help lined up for transporting books to and from the sale on May 6. The board agreed that approximately 75 boxes will be transported to the Welcome Center lawn for the sale. Cheryl reported that we have 20 volunteers for the day and flyers have been distributed on Main Street and to as many Perks Partners as were open. The board agreed that we should request a more volunteers via email.

**EVENTS**: Cheryl reported that the next event is the Summer Reading Kick Off at City Park and Mary Jane Harned will be the leader.

**COMMUNICATION**: Cheryl reported that we should be sending monthly email updates. The April newsletter was sent out by email and was well received. The May newsletter will go out after the Spring book sale. We will identify someone to take over this monthly task by mid-June Jamie will check the [info@friendsofthebudalibrary.org](mailto:info@friendsofthebudalibrary.org) and send requests to volunteer to Cheryl.

**FUNDRAISING:** There was discussion about a possible business membership starting with our Perks Partners. Jamie & Cheryl will meet by phone to create a plan.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS & NEW BUSINESS**

Our Perks Partner for May is Water 2 Wine.

Bill has contacted the county commissioners about the application for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act). Zach & Kevin will put together figures to show loss of expected funds during COVID.

Name tags received from FireLightLaser for board/officers.

Our FRIENDS Book Club will be reading How High We Go In the Dark by Sequoia Nagamatsu and will meet at Water2Wine on Thursday, May 25, 7:00pm.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 8, 2023 in person at the Buda Library conference room & by ZOOM.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cheryl Bollish, Secretary.

**Librarian’s Report**

Upcoming Events

ESL Conversation Class (in partnership with Community Action) for English Language Learners – Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 am in (Library Conference Room).

Toddler Storytime: Mondays and Tuesdays (in the Program Room) at 10:30 am

Read to Maeby, the Therapy Dog: Mondays in the Children’s Area at 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm; Maeby is currently on vacation but will return on April 24th.

Teen Club will be on Mondays at 4:30 pm in the Craft Room.

Makers’ Lab Classes – Mondays at 6:30 pm (Makers’ Lab)

April 3 – 3D Print and Design

April 10 – Needle Felting

April 17 – Quilling

April 24 – Cricut Club

Financial Literacy Month classes – Mondays at 6:30 pm (Makers’ Lab)

April 3 – Basic Financial Literacy

April 10 – Basics of Local Government Finance

April 17 – Financial Legacy Planning

April 24 – Credit 101 and Avoiding Financial Scams

Homeschool Adventures: Tuesdays in the Craft Room

6 – 8-year-olds at 1:30 pm

9 – 11-year-olds at 3:00 pm

Preschool Storytime: Wednesdays and Thursdays (in the Program Room) at 10:30 am

Afterschool classes for students from 5-11 years old on Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. Activities are geared for students 7-11 years old; children 5-6 years old are welcome with an adult.

The D&D Campaigns will meet on the April 12th and 26th at 6:30 pm (Craft Room and Library Conference Room)

Bilingual Storytime: Thursdays at 1:00 pm for toddlers, preschoolers, and their families (in the Program Room)

Come-and-go activities for students from 5-11 years old on Thursdays from 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. Activities are geared for students 7-11 years old; children 5-6 years old are welcome with an adult.

Family Storytime: Thursdays at 6:00 pm (in the Program Room)

Wednesday, April 5th – Beginning Cooking Class at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Wednesday, April 5th – Buda Bibliophile Book Club at 6:30 pm (Classroom). They will discuss The Whalebone Theatre by Joanna Quinn

Wednesday, April 8th – Buda Reads Book Club at 4:00 pm (Conference Room). They will discuss The Measure by Nikki Erlick.

Wednesday, April 12th – Music Therapy and Mental Health at 6:30 pm (Multipurpose Room); taught by Music Therapy Solutions.

Saturday, April 15th – Lo-Tek Mushroom Cultivation at 2:00 pm (Multipurpose Room); taught by Central Texas Mycology.

Wednesday, April19th – Adult Art with IMAC at 6:00 pm (Craft Room).

Thursday, April 20th – Obtaining and Maintaining Positive Mental Health class at 6:30 pm (Classroom); Rebecca Farrell, PhD, LPCC-S (KY).

Wednesday, April 26th – Art and Mental Wellness at 6:30 pm (Craft Room); taught by IMAC.

Saturday, April 29th: Dia de los ninos at 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Come celebrate children and bilingualism with an afternoon of crafts, performances, and sweets!

OTHER LIBRARY BUSINESS

The library will be closed on Friday, April 7th.