**FRIENDS OF THE BUDA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting—Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Board Members Present: Marc Hunter, Blanca Houston, Jaime Lee, Allison Teegardin, and Joan Givens

Others Present: Rosalba Cortez-Concha, Cecilia Cortez, Rita Powell, Martha Anderson, Janice Kearley, Blanca Houston, Roberta Haas, Rene Barnes, Clark Lyman, and Melinda Hodges

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Marc Hunter, President.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Board minutes:** Motions made and carried to accept minutes from July 10, 2019, board meeting.
2. **Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer Janice Kearley presented her report through July 2019, and explained her attempts to track time spent on the various aspects of treasurer’s role. Treasurer’s report through July 2019 is attached to minutes email. Janice also places all reports on Google Docs. Motions were made and carried to accept report for July 2019.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

Melinda Hodges gave a report of activities for the library:

Upcoming events:

Toddler Storytime - 10:30 on Mondays and Tuesdays

Fiber Friends – Yarn/Crochet/Thread Club for adults; Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the Teall

Room.

Preschool Storytime - 10:30 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Chilean Singer/Songwriter Richard Parra Concert – Thursday, August 8th at 7:00 pm.

Book Club – Wednesday, August 14th at 6:00 pm; the group will discuss Empire of the

Summer Moon by S.C. Gwynne in the library’s Conference Room.

Dungeons and Dragons: Adventure Continues – August 12th and 26th at 6:30 pm in the

Craft Room.

The Makers’ Lab Open Hours in August are on Saturday, August 17th and 31th from 1:30

pm to 4:30 pm.

Every Child Ready to Read class – Thursday, August 29th at 6:00 pm in the Classroom.

Participants will be introduced to strategies and best practices that, when used, help

develop early literacy skills children need before they learn to read.

Hays County Master Gardeners class – “Fall Vegetable Gardening” – Saturday, August

31st at 10:30 in the Classroom.

Storytimes are currently on a summer break. They will begin again on August 19th .

Our homeschool group and afterschool programs will restart the week of Labor Day.

Reading Club and Summer Activities Participation:

Our 53 teen readers turned in a total of 135,400 minutes read between June 6th and July

27th for the Teen Reading Club!

521 readers participated in our Summer Reading Club and read 473,110 minutes!

34 classes with 706 participants

12 special events with 2,565 participants

COMMITTEE REPORTS

It was noted at beginning of reports that City Manager reported to Council that it is unlikely there will be a Budafest this year due to downtown construction projects and no acceptable alternative locations available. Annual book sale will occur at the library as scheduled the first weekend of December.

**Membership Committee:** Rita Powell said that our new membership for the year is up to 18, only 12 shy of annual goal. We continue to get new members online, and several at monthly pop-up book sales. Last year, we also got many during the annual book sale during Budafest. She also said we are running out of trifold membership brochures, and recommended that a new printing eliminate the inquiry of whether member prefers “snail” mail or email, because most communications are electronic now. Attendees were in agreement. Cecilia Cortez said she will coordinate designing a new trifold, with photos taken in the new building. In the meantime, we will use what we have (single sheets).

**Fundraising Committee:** Roberta Haas discussed upcoming fall raffle. Assemblage has donated another large African basket. She will work on other donations. Plan is to launch raffle ticket sales at Oct. 27 Farmer’s Market. We also could have a book sale table and raffle sale at Onion Creek Senior Center holiday bazaar in November. She said OCSC also is holding a flea market event in the fall, and perhaps we could participate by having a sales booth. She will double check all dates. Raffle ticket sales would continue through the annual book sale, with drawings happening at the end of the sale.

**Grant Committee:** Rosalba Cortez-Concha said that the Mighty grant has received applications from over 500 non-profits. Results will be announced in September.

**Book Sales:** The First Saturday pop-up sale downtown on August 3 yielded $66 in sales. Next First Saturday pop-up sale will be on Sept. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Joan Givens has the tables, cash for change, and all materials at her house. Allison Teegardin, Roberta Haas and Martha Anderson said they will work the sale. Allison will pick up materials from Joan beforehand. It was recommended that few cookbooks be included in that sale.

Pam Nelson reported via email that July book sales in the library totaled $165, which doubled those of June.

**Authors Events Committee:** Jaime Lee said that potential authors list is developing, with possible authors identified in areas of Historical Fiction, True Crime, Children’s, and Romance. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon, with first event occurring in early 2020.

DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. **Short Story Contest for Adults:** First Place winner Amy Castillo (The Pact) was present to accept her winnings. Marc Hunter announced that Second Place winner was Henry Altmiller (Angel of the Lord), and he donated his winnings back to Friends of the Buda Library. Patricia Wilson (Unmeasured Love) was third, and Kimberly Goodman (Triage) received an honorable mention.
2. **Youth Writing Contest:** Martha Anderson and Lea Ahmed presented awards at the Library’s End of Summer Reading Program finale on Saturday, Aug. 3. Division 8-12 years old were, first to third places, Thaddeus Chancellor, Dorian Chancellor and Nathan Mugan. Division 13-17 years old were, first to third places, Gabi Rivas, Noah Mugan, and Madison Rivas. First place will be published in the Hays Free Press, and all are available on FOBL website.
3. **Name the Tree Contest:** Blanca Houston reported that the City Council has approved these names to be voted on by the public: Ancestor’s Legacy, Guardian Oak, La Viuda, Widows’ Oak, and Rolling Oak. Descriptions of rationales for each, and ballots for online voting, will be posted on Friends website by Marc Hunter within the next day. Voting continues through August 21. Dedication ceremony will be 10-11 a.m. on Saturday Aug. 24. The program is being developed, with three speakers expected, the mayor, and musical entertainment by Stephen and Ruth Kearley. We provide light refreshments, have a membership table, and begin announcing development of plans for a reading garden associated with the newly named tree.
4. **Books and Beer:** Rosalba Cortez-Concha said the next book club event will be on September 26, 6:30 at Two Wheel Brewery. The group will discuss the book, The Silent Patient, by Alex Michaelides. It also was discussed and decided that the November meeting, a pot luck with cookbook discussion, should be on a Saturday afternoon, by popular consensus. Rosalba will check with Two-Wheel Brewery about availability and report back.
5. **Friends of Buda Library Polo Shirts:** New members are requesting them. Shirts in the last order ran too small, as they seemed to be slim cuts. Roberta Haas said she will check on prices and report back so that more shirts can be made available for purchase ASAP.
6. **Annual Book Sale Planning:**  Allison Teegardin said she will schedule a meeting soon. Board meeting attendees offered an assortment of ideas to create more of an event since Budafest will probably not be happening concurrently. Nancy Pier, Blanca Houston, Martha Anderson, Carla Woodworth, and Marc Hunter are other committee members.
7. **Annual Meeting Committee Formation:** Marc Hunter asked for volunteers to help plan for the all-members event in late January 2020. Joan Givens and Jaime Lee volunteered. Marc said he would like to have polo shirts, t-shirts, and stickers available for purchase at the meeting.
8. **Bylaws Amendment:** There was discussion about amending guidelines for position of vice-president. As a result, there was general interest in adding a position of President-Elect, to be further explored, to improve continuity in leadership preparation as the organization grows. Marc asked that members email him with ideas and thoughts about this.
9. **Children’s Book Collection:** Roberta Haas introduced new Buda resident Rene Barnes, who is a published writer and illustrator of a series of children’s books. Roberta said she would like Friends to buy a set for the library, and Rene has offered to provide an additional set.

Chamber Luncheon on Wed. August 14, 2019

This luncheon will be for members only. Roberta will attend for us, and will RSVP to Chamber of Commerce at info@budachamber.com or by phone at (512)295-9999. Luncheon is 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Onion Creek Senior Center. Blanca Houston also will be in attendance, and will encourage attendees to participate in online voting to Name the Tree.

Roberta also will check with the Chamber regarding our dues status.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

**Wild Apricot:** Rita Powell, Membership Chair, asked for clarification about correspondence sent to new and renewing members so that thank you and welcoming communications can be handled efficiently and accurately. It was reported by Marc Hunter and Cecilia Cortez that persons doing so online receive automatic letters from the Wild Apricot site. Persons who register and pay in person with membership brochures will be entered into the Wild Apricot site by Marc, who will notify Rita that a letter needs to be sent by her. Marc said he intends to organize an orientation and training meeting for those interested in learning how to use Wild Apricot to address Friends of the Buda Library tasks.

**Next Friends of the Buda Library Board Meeting** will be on Wednesday, September 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the classroom just outside the library.

Meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.