FRIENDS OF THE BUDA LIBRARY

MINUTES

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Meeting was changed due to scheduling concerns for this month.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 and was conducted via ZOOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Roberta Haas, Blanca Houston, Zach Teagardin, Stephanie Pecuch,

Also present: Melinda Hodges, Librarian, Joan Givens

Board Member Absent: Cheryl Bollish. We send warm regards for a speedy recovery from surgery.

The Board recognized and thanked Stephanie Pecuch for her generous donation of a sandwich board. This new sign will be used to advertise our book sales. The sign was updated with our logo, directional arrows at a cost of $72.00. This expenditure was authorized by unanimous vote through email.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes: The minutes for the the February meeting were approved after a motion and second were made and a unanimous affirmative vote was given.
2. Treasurer’s Report: February is the month were cash outflow shows the greatest as it is the month when the Library’s gift is posted. The detailed report is attached to these minutes. Fundraising/Donation Dollars : $823.80. Total income for the month: $1003.80. Total checking account: $13,482.75. This report was approved with a unanimous vote.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT:

The extended report of weekly programs is attached to these minutes.

In addition to regularly scheduled programs, Melinda will be teaching a maker’s lab this Saturday. The lab will be open Saturdays at 3:00 pm. The library has been awarded a $75,000.00 grant ($25,000.00 per year over three years) from the Saint David’s Foundation for a health pilot program. The project will focus on how public libraries can support community mental health needs.

The community survey will close on Sunday, March 6th. Friends will have a sign for this at the sale.

The library will close early on Wednesday, March 23rd.

There will be a blood drive on March 22 from 11-5. This requires an online pre-registration. No walk-ins will be accepted.

BOOK SALE/FUNDRAISING/EVENTS:

The March pop-up sale will be Saturday, March 5th from 10-4 at the old library building at 303 Main Street.

The storage unit will need to be reorganized to prepare for the next sale.

Book donations may resume after the April book sale slated for Saturday April 2nd. A mass email will be sent for volunteers.

The May sale will be tabled. The date is yet to be determined. Melinda and Roberta will coordinate this date as we are trying to hold the sale at the same time a school event is scheduled to be held in the lobby and availability of the multi-purpose room. Holding a large sale verses a pop-up type sale is yet to be determined.

Possible dates are May 14 or the 28th.

INCREASING SELLING SPACE IN THE LIBRARY:

There is a Stemco beige shelf on wheels that being considered for this much needed extra selling space. The cost of this is $365.50. This movable shelf can be very useful for selling space and may be used as needed for a sale since it is easily moved and allows for the most access of books

Melinda is looking into other shelving that matches what is already there.

A decision on this expenditure will be made when we have more information on available options.

AMPLIFY AUSTIN:

It is too late to register for this non profit city-county wide fundraising effort. More research will be done on cost and feasibility before next year’s signup deadline.

WILD APRICOT UPDATE:

Our membership status has been changed from a Community to Group level. Thank you to Marc Hunter with help on this.

The new group destination decreases the cost of our annual membership which has gone from $1320.00 per year to $720.00 per year. Renewal is due in April.

FLYERS THROUGH HAYS CISD:

We were presented with a possible advertising opportunity which was to order advertising flyers through the school district’s printing.

After review and some research, it was determined that we would not meet their required timelines, and the cost would be prohibitive.

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm

TO DO:

Organize the unit after the sale: Blanca will send a mass email on behalf of Nancy Pier, Sale Coordinator.

Selling shelving: Melinda and Roberta

May sale date: Melinda and Roberta

Respectfully submitted,

Blanca Houston, Vice President (minutes taken in Cheryl’s absence)