

BEDFORD LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

October 15, 2009

Attendees:

Maria Redburn

Tom Bickley

David Franklin

Amanda Green

Jim Davisson

Roland Rangel

Fran Rogers

Tammy McDonald

Karen Kersey

Susan Spradlin

Barbara Sparks

Patt Dreyer

Gary Rogers

Call to order: 7:00pm

Approval of the Minutes: Motion to approve minutes, Amanda Green, seconded by Patt Dreyer, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Amanda Green, seconded by David Franklin, all approved.

Old Business:

Regarding gift certificate for Library staff member who sold the most tickets for the Authors' Roundtable, Amanda Green moved to increase the gift certificate from \$25 to \$30; Roland Rangel seconded, all approved.

Scrabble Tournament – Susan Spradlin reported that a meeting has been scheduled with Bryan Pepper on October 20 at 1:00 at the Bedford Public Library. Maria Redburn, Holley Hendrickson, and Susan Spradlin will attend. Susan has proposed the following name for the event: First Annual Words Worth SCRABBLE® Tournament. The tentative date is October 21, 2010 (the third Thursday of October, 2010), at the new Library. Under discussion is the number of players allowed, the type of tournament (sanctioned versus non-sanctioned), whether the tables are independent versus table teams, etc. Susan is asking for as many volunteers as possible. It was also suggested that there needs to be a backup plan for the venue, possibly the Brookside Center in Hurst.

Authors' Workshop and Authors' Roundtable Events and Short Story Contest Winner Presentation (September 25-27) - Amanda Green reported that the attendance for the Authors' Roundtable was in excess of ninety attendees. She is still

assembling receipts and will report details at the next Friends' meeting, as well as the winner of the Short Story Contest.

Name Tags – Jim Davisson presented the group with the new Friends' nametags, and everyone was delighted with the quality and style of the tags.

Garage Sale – Barbara Sparks reported on several suggested names for the future event, including Bedford's Big Bargain Bazaar. Discussion included the fact that the name of any event has to meet city code. Tentative scheduled date is Saturday, April 17, 2010. Discussion also included possible venues and also possible types of food service and fees for booths; planning is on-going.

Cookbook – Tammy McDonald stated she is still waiting to hear from volunteers for the cookbook committee. It would be necessary to begin selling the cookbook by July 2010 in order to have a tie-in with the opening of the new library, which would mean that a deadline of May 1, 2010 would be necessary for submission of recipes, to allow turnaround of production. After various discussions concerning method of production, number of copies, etc. Amanda Green moved that Tammy McDonald be allowed to deal with the cookbook committee and report back; seconded by Patt Dreyer, all approved.

New Business:

Night With the Author – Maria Redburn An unexpected opportunity to present an event for the community occurred because of a visit to the area by Steve Vander Ark, author of The Lexicon, a companion book to the Harry Potter series, and the Library decided to offer a free event on Saturday, October 24, 2009, at the Old Bedford School and Maria requested funds to provide refreshments. Amanda Green moved that the Friends' allocate \$100 for the event; Patt Dreyer seconded, all approved.

In addition, after discussion, Holley Hendrickson moved that \$60 be allocated to purchase three (3) copies of The Lexicon, which will be on sale at the event; Karen Kersey seconded the motion, all approved. One copy, signed by the author, will be given as a door prize at the event; the other two copies will be held for special sale at the next Friends' book sale.

Future Authors' Workshops – Amanda Green proposed that, after the success of the most recent Author's Workshop and Authors' Roundtable event, she would like to present, during the next year, two additional workshops and four additional roundtables, for a total of six events. Cindy Dees, one of the authors at the most recent Roundtable, has offered to do an author event and also to be an emergency

backup for future author events. Specific proposed dates will be offered later by Amanda.

Mardi Gras Dinner - Patt Dryer proposed a Mardi Gras dinner, on February 16, 2010, prepared by a chef of her acquaintance, for the purpose of fundraising. The group requested information about a venue, cost of production, cost of attendance, etc. It was also suggested that the Friends partner with the Library Foundation for such an event.

Patt also proposed a Christmas party for the Friends, and it was suggested that we have it on the regularly scheduled meeting date for December, which would be December 17, 2009. Details will be available at next meeting.

A Casino Night – David Franklin and Karen Kersey proposed discussion about a Casino Night. They have been reviewing various venues, and suggested that two venues might be feasible: Texas Star or Nytex. It was agreed that such an event would be expensive to put on, but with sponsors and a silent auction, might be profitable. It was also suggested that with the number of events already on the Friends' table, it might be wise to try to present such an event after the opening of the new library; in the meantime, information could be gathered as to a potential date, number of draw anticipated, and acquisition of substantial prizes.

Election of Officers –

President - Jim Davisson was nominated by Amanda Green to continue in the office of President and was confirmed by acclamation.

Vice President – Amanda Green nominated Holley Hendrickson, and Holly Hendrickson nominated Amanda Green. There was some question about whether the Friends' bylaws allowed for one or two vice presidents and what their exact titles would be. Patt Dryer moved that two vice presidents be elected, with further designation after review of bylaws, Gary Rogers seconded, all approved. Holley Hendrickson and Amanda Green were then elected vice presidents.

Secretary – Gary and Fran Rogers were nominated and elected to continue as joint secretaries.

Treasurer – Cynthia Pfladderer was nominated and elected to continue as treasurer.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.