

BEDFORD LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

November 19, 2009

Attendees:

Maria Redburn

Claire Kamego

Joe Cornwell

Linda Cornwell

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, Roland Rangel, seconded by Karen Kersey, all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Karen Kersey, seconded by Roland Rangel, all approved.

Old Business:

Scrabble Tournament – Susan Spradlin reported that a meeting was held with Bryan Pepper on October 21 at the Bedford Public Library with Holley Hendrickson, Barbara Sparks and herself attending. The title of the event will be Wordsworth Scrabble Event Benefitting the Friends of the Bedford Library. This will be a non-sanctioned event, meaning not officially sanctioned by the Scrabble organization, and therefore not requiring rated players. The entry fee will be \$25. Several venues were discussed, including the Pat May Center, the Boys' Ranch Meeting Room (but not the gym), or the Hurst Brookside Center. Susan suggested that we should expect 50 to 100 players. Bryan committed to being director of the event. There will be no cash bar. A Thursday date may be optimum. Susan requested information and help in acquiring sponsors and prizes, and expressed the need for a Signup chair and a design for an on-line registration form. Jim Davisson offered to help with the form.

Susan also stated that there is a need for a design for a logo, to be used on the website and promotional materials, and that we need to create a timeline, a preliminary budget for the event, and other concerns as well.

Jim Davisson also stated that he will check with our treasurer, Cynthia Pfladderer, about setting up a Paypal account for the Friends, for paying for events, i.e. the Scrabble Contest, the Book Sale, etc.

Maria Redburn stated that the Library staff will be willing to accept registrations.

Garage Sale – Barbara Sparks reported that contacts at the City of Richland Hills, which sponsors a recycle event, is sharing their registration form and list of participants including e-mail addresses. Barbara requested, on advice of City of Richland Hills, to set fee of \$20 for first time event, for pre-registrants, and charging \$25 after deadline. Barbara anticipates making available 16x16 spaces or perhaps larger.

Barbara reported that in regard to food, the Health Department provides guidelines. Two of our new members, Joe and Linda Cornwell, suggested that to serve food, we obtain a smoker and at least two volunteers, and ask grocers for hotdogs, buns, etc. We need to check for Friends' responsibility toward food sales.

Barbara stated that the scheduled date for the event is April 17, 2010, at Pennington Field, the south end, and will be called Bedford Library Friends' Bazaar. We can only advertise on HEB School District property sites. There can be no animals, firearms, explosives, or alcohol. The Friends also need to arrange for pickup for leftover donated items.

A motion was made to set registrants' rental price at \$20 prior to event, \$25 on event day; the motion was made by Gary Rogers and seconded by Roland Rangel, all approved.

Night With the Author – **Maria Redburn** reported that the Night with the Author event drew a good crowd of more than fifty attendees of various ages, and also brought the Friends three new members.

Clearance Book Sale – Roland Rangel reported that the Clearance Book Sale went very well and achieved the needed clearance of books, plus some donations were given and we acquired three new memberships to the Friends. Discussion was held to the effect that we are still looking for an affordable storage site to store books for the next sale. Roland suggested that we need to start planning next year's sale, and tentative dates were set for August 13-14-15, 2010.

Cookbook – Tammy McDonald reported that one publisher she had targeted, Morris, would not do a presentation; she is still looking at publishers.

New Business:

2009-2010 Budget – The Bedford Public Library Request for Funding of Annual Items, totaling \$8,890, was submitted by Maria Redburn, and was reviewed and discussed in detail. It was decided that the Online Book Club was to be removed from the new budget. Its current expense was billed and paid in August from the prior year approved budget; removing it from the new proposed budget reduced the budget for 2009-2010 to \$8,390. A motion was made by Roland Rangel to approve the revised proposed budget, omitting the Online Book Club; the motion was seconded by Patt Dreyer and approved by all.

Mardi Gras Dinner - Patt Dreyer announced that the Bedford Library Foundation is assuming responsibility for a proposed Mardi Gras Dinner and Patt asked for support from the Friends, including assistance at the event and help with a Silent Auction.

Fourth of July Parking: There was general discussion concerning the Friends providing parking for the Fourth celebration and the fact that the new library parking lot will be unavailable due to construction, but no specific plans were made.

Future Authors' Workshops – Discussion was postponed until Amanda Green is available for providing details.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.