

BEDFORD LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING

February 18, 2010

Attendees:

Linda Cornwell
Susan Spradlin
Bonnie Finn
Amanda Green
Gary Rogers
Barbara Sparks
Karen Kersey

Joe Cornwell
Patt Dreyer
Beth Mullens
Holley Hendrickson
Fran Rogers
Roland Rangel

Call to order: 7:00pm by Vice President Holley Hendrickson

Approval of the Minutes: There were two amendments to the January 21, 2010, minutes, requested by Susan Spradlin. A motion was made by Amanda Green to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Joe Cornwell; all approved.

Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report was available. However, it was announced that Beth Mullens had agreed to be Treasurer. Amanda Green moved that Beth Mullens be appointed Treasurer, Patt Dreyer seconded, all approved.

Old Business:

Mardi Gras Night – Patt Dreyer showed samples of small bricks that will be available for purchase by donors for \$50. There will also be 8x8 bricks available for a \$100 donation. The City has furnished a credit card machine at the Library for the sale of bricks. Patt also reported that the Library Foundation realized between \$6500 and \$7000 for the Mardi Gras event. Patt also reiterated that the Library will open furnished by the City; there will be three years to repay the cost.

Scrabble Tournament – Susan Spradlin reported that there is no current update except Patt, Holley and Susan plan a get-together for strategy; the event is still scheduled for October 21.

Garage Sale (Bedford Library Friends' Bazaar) – Barbara Sparks reported that some reservations have been made, and that she is planning to start a push now that the Mardi Gras event is over. Holley Hendrickson suggested that we have a Helpers Signup Sheet

for the Bazaar at the March Friends' meeting. No food vendors have committed yet. Joe Cornwell has offered to take responsibility for food vendors. The event is still scheduled for April 17.

Book Sale – Roland Rangel reported that he was unable to attend the Library Conference as previously authorized; the event was cancelled due to the recent snow. Joe and Linda Cornwell are promoting the Book Sale and books are coming in. Event is still scheduled for August 13-15th.

Library Coffee Pot – After discussion of the issue of effort required by staff to provide coffee using current equipment and discussion about better equipment, Amanda Green moved that \$350 be designated for a coffee system; Joe Cornwell seconded, all approved. This replaces previous motion by Roland Rangel at January meeting.

New Business:

Author Events and Writers' Workshop - Amanda Green announced that she is planning to schedule author events in May, August and November, and that the Writers' Workshop will be held in September in the Bonnie Finn Room. She also stated that the Friends' Website will be ready soon.

Summer Reading Lists – Discussion was held and suggestion was made that it would be a good service for the Library to partner with local schools to buy books for the reading lists and sell at a profit. A possible Amazon link was discussed with the Library receiving a percentage of sales. Roland Rangel also mentioned that there are a number of children in the HEB school district coming from economically disadvantaged families and some of whom are homeless, for which providing books might be considered. No decisions or motions were made on these issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.