

# **BEDFORD LIBRARY FRIENDS MEETING**

**June 17, 2010**

## **Attendees:**

Marianne Lanoue  
Jim Davisson  
Beth Mullens  
Fran Rogers  
Barbara Sparks  
Roland Rangel  
Rick Peters

Karen Kersey  
Amanda Green  
Gary Rogers  
Patt Dreyer  
Maria Redburn  
Holley Hendrickson  
Charlene Magee

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by president, Jim Davisson.

**Approval of the Minutes:** An amendment was introduced by Roland Rangel to the Minutes to address that the cost of the insurance policy for the book sale will be \$30 rather than the \$25 previously indicated. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes by Amanda Green, and seconded by Roland Rangel; all approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was submitted for review. After various entries, including proceeds from Summerfest, were called to the group's attention by the treasurer, Beth Mullens, a motion was made to approve the submitted report by Amanda Green, and seconded by Roland Rangel; all approved.

## **Old Business:**

**New Library Construction** – Maria Redburn reported that of the \$16,000 committed by The Bedford Library Friends to the new library, \$11,000 is now needed to prepare the world globe for installation. The funds are needed at this time by the contractor for construction purposes. A local artist will refurbish the globe and seal it with an acrylic finish. We all agreed the construction is going very well.

In addition, Rick Peters gave a brief presentation concerning the North Texas Congress for Library Supporters which will be in Decatur, Texas, on Saturday, July 24, and encouraged everyone who could to consider attending this event.

**Book Sale** – Roland Rangel requested that signs be prepared for book categories from a list furnished by Roland. Beth Mullens offered to print the signs. Roland emphasized that sorting needs to be in process at the First Baptist Church at this point so that as much planning as possible is done. Sorting will now be scheduled on Wednesday mornings at 10:30am and Saturday mornings at 10:00am, for all those who can meet.

**4<sup>th</sup> Fest** – The Bedford Library Friends will be managing the parking concession at the Old Bedford School and a schedule is available, with help still needed especially in the midday and early afternoon slots.

**Writers' Conference** – Amanda Green reported that the conference will be on the last weekend in September, in the Bonnie Finn room. Expenses will include an airline ticket for Sarah Hoyt from Colorado Springs. The fees for the conference will be \$125 if a \$25 deposit is received by September 1; after September 1, the total fee will be \$150. Exception will be the critique group, which will be \$100. The expenses will also include \$100 for the Friday meet and greet, Saturday lunch, with a half-day session (with refreshments) on Sunday morning, with a total of \$100 additional expenses. Amanda stated that the library is logistically easier.

As to the Author's Roundtable, scheduled for the Saturday evening of the conference, September 25, Maria Redburn said she had talked to the Old Bedford School schedulers and that there might be a difficulty of the event being bumped by another event. It was suggested by Amanda and Maria to host the Roundtable in the Bedford library. Amanda requested a budget for the event of \$100, not including the airline ticket for the presenter and food. A motion was made by Roland Rangel and seconded by Karen Kersey that the request for \$100 be granted; all approved. It was also noted that the Author Event and Short Story Contest are budgeted through the library and previously approved.

Amanda Green also reported that the Friends of the Library website is scheduled to go live next weekend.

**Bedford Bazaar** – Jim Davisson reported that the HEB Education Foundation wants to also do a bazaar, and since the Friends were already considering changing the Bazaar timing to a fall date, the thinking is that the HEB Education Foundation would schedule their event in the spring of 2011, and the Bedford Library Friends would then schedule their event for the fall of 2011. This planning is still under discussion.

## **New Business:**

**Library Needs** – Maria Redburn stated that registration has doubled for the Kids’ Summer Reading Program. If needed, Maria is requesting the assurance of \$500, just in case, for additional books. Gary Rogers made a motion to approve this request, Karen Kersey seconded the motion, all approved.

**Other items of discussion:**

Patt Dreyer, our Membership Chairperson, reminded everyone that membership renewals for the Friends is now due June 1 for the current year. Patt also suggested that perhaps for next year (2011), the membership amounts be raised to \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, and \$50 for benefactors.

Discussion was also held about the special bricks for the new library. The deadline for bricks to be engraved in time for the opening is July 30, 2010; these bricks will be around the sculpture area. A motion was made by Roland Rangel that the Friends purchase a large brick; the motion was seconded by Holley Hendrickson, all approved.

Continuing the discussion about the opening of the new library, Barbara Sparks suggested various promotional items, i.e. a plastic tote bag or a microfiber bag, to be given out at the Library opening. Amanda Green suggested that the Friends plan to give a gift bag to everyone attending the opening day, and then sell any remaining gift items after the opening. Further planning will continue on these items.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:00pm.