

Friends of the Library
Minutes of the February 14, 2007 Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Vice President Chris Poprawski as President Vicky Paulen was absent.

Members and Visitors Present: Linda Godley, Rebecca Smith, Shirley Westveer, Pat Bauman, Barb Bazan,, Arlene Butler, Pat Jacobus, Dorothy Shaffer, Janice Williams, Chris Poprawski, and Renae Brooks (visitor).

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Shirley W.* to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Arlene B. All approved.

Treasurers Report: Becca S. reported that the February fundraiser took in \$279.00, less expenses, for a profit of \$90.00.

Directors Report: Janice W. informed us that the 80/20 LSDA Grant has been sent in. (The FOL contributed \$1,000.00 towards it.) She also told us that 2 new laptops had been received and that they are waiting to receive 2 new PCs - all from grant sources. Janice also reported that "The Gates Foundation" has given the library 5 new computers.

OLD BUSINESS

FOL Logo Imprinting: Chris P. had contacted Jerry Kennedy and had the logo printed on 24 tote bags at a cost of \$7.65 each. We will sell the totes for \$15.00 each. Everyone liked the totes. Mr. Kennedy donated several imprinted t-shirts. Chris will contact Mr. Kennedy about other items that we may like to purchase and their cost.

FOL Stationary: Vicky P. had contacted "Impact Printing" for a quote on stationary, envelopes, etc. After discussion it was decided that we would order from "Impact Printing" as opposed to a non-local business. For now, we will order 500 pcs. of stationary with the logo design on it, plain matching envelopes, and perhaps address labels.

February "Father Daughter Tea" Fundraiser: Becca, Janice, Chris, and Barb proclaimed the event a success! Discussed strategies for making it even better next year. Lots of positive feedback from the 40 attendees. Thanks to all who helped with food, set-up, decorating, crafts, tear down, etc. Arlene B. did a fine job with publicity. Big thanks to Carrie Paulen for stepping in (after the scheduled presenter backed out) and doing a wonderful "American Girl" presentation. Barb B. *motioned to* send Carrie Paulen a \$30.00 gift certificate to Amazon.com., seconded by Shirley W. All approved. Barb B. will also send thank you note to Shelly Kamp from "Creative Memories" for her donated time, materials and photo expertise.

2007 Fundraiser Revisions: Janice W. passed out a revised event list.

Calendars: Pat J. has been working on calendar ideas and will have info for us soon.

Quilt Project: Shirley W. contacted Esther at "Patchwork Dreams" about fabric choices and availability. Discussed how many FOL members would be able to make a quilt square and whether we should include other community members in the project.

Christmas Decorations: The Christmas decorations are now in storage. Thanks to Leroy Paulen and Jerry Poprawski for their help with this.

April Membership Drive: Discussed sending out reminders to membership for yearly dues. Decided to do a booth at the "Panhandle Area Chamber of Commerce Business Expo" (Friday, April 27 from 5p to 8p) to solicit for new members and promote the FOL. Janice W. will find out if we can partner with the Library in regards to cost for the booth.

Publicity Report: Arlene B. reported she now has a fax machine and is using it to successfully distribute information.

Cell Phone/Ink Jet Cartridge Fundraising Idea: Janice W. received info/materials from "Ecophones" and explained how it will work. Company will pay up to \$5. per ink cartridge/ up to \$300.(not typical) per cell phone. Collection box will be placed at the Library. Barb B. will make info poster for Arlene B. to distribute.

Book Discussion Group: Shirley W. reported the book "Unbowed" by Wangari Maathai fostered a lively group discussion. Janice W. went to Maathai's presentation at Fountain St. Church and found her to be a very inspirational woman.

The book for March is "Kindred" by Octavia Butler. The group will meet Monday, March 5 at 1:30 PM. at the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

May Book Sale: Dorothy S. passed around a sign-up sheet for the May 10-12 Used Book Sale. (There will be time to sign up at the March & April mtgs. too) Discussed extending the hours of the sale till 7P on Thurs. and 2P on Sat. Talked about pricing strategies. Dorothy suggested that since there will be a FOL meeting the day before the sale that perhaps some members could stay after the meeting to help set up for the sale. Barb B. will make posters and bookmarks. Save your bags!

Next Month: Shirley W. would like input for quilting ideas. Chris P. asked that we think about the April membership drive.

Adjournment: Motion by Pat J. to adjourn, seconded by Becca S. All approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 14 Refreshments Chris P.

