



Friends of CCLS – Quarterly Meeting

August 4, 2022 at the Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch, Mont Belvieu

Those in attendance: Librarians Valerie Jensen & Annie Vass. Board members present: Susanne Bogan, Elaine Byrd, & Jean Abshier Forrest. Board members absent: Vickey Gaulding, A. Lynette Parsons, & Lena Yopez. Guest: Patti Long.

The meeting was called to order at 5:08pm by Forrest.

Jensen gave the Treasurer's Report as prepared by Parsons. The balance in the 885 account as of December 31, 2021 was \$4,947.81 & as of July 29, 2022 is \$7,019.10. Total raised from AmazonSmile since inception is \$491.15, with \$104.20 of that raised to date in 2022. As of the May quarterly report, \$35.63 has been generated from Kroger cards, with the next quarterly report available August 26. A \$526.51 deposit was made in January from the PayPal account, which includes funds sent for Nerd Con, Friends' dues, donations, and fundraisers, and miscellaneous library donations. Of this, \$493.50 was for Nerd Con. Items provided by Friends to the branches and staff members to date in 2022: petty cash for each branch, wish list items awarded at the annual meeting, National Library Week bundt cakes for staff, and a movie theater rental for a private showing at the end of Summer Reading for the adult book club. Friends' expenses to date in 2022: postage for annual meeting mail out and sales tax paid to the state for 2021. Friends' activities to date in 2022: basket raffle (\$170.00), empties for cash (\$55.65), bookstore and book cart sales (\$841.00); earbuds, thumb drives, and laminating (minimal), and opened a bank account for the HOT Funds account for Nerd Con.

A motion was made by Bogan to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written, with a second by Byrd.

New Business

Bogan gave the bookstore report and noted that they had a profitable day today with \$43.00 in sales, with one customer spending \$32.00. From January to July, the bookstore and book sale carts have brought in approximately \$825. The bookstore has four new volunteers and one could be interested in serving on the board. Discussion was had on the possibility of offering volunteers a \$10 Starbucks gift card or something comparable occasionally as a thank you for their time.

Bogan also sought suggestions for a fundraiser for – and Friends' involvement at – Nerd Con. A discussion followed about the possibility of using the prize wheel for new Friends' members to win a prize (ex: gift card, bookstore coupon or free book, bookmarks, pen, etc.). Forrest stated she would like to see about getting magnets or pencils or pens with the new Friends' logo.

Board elections were tabled until the next meeting.

Jensen gave an update on the Anahuac adult book club. Adult beverages will be served in moderation at these meetings as long as the meetings are after hours and the event is sponsored by the Friends. Parsons will supply beverages.

Next, Jensen explained that the Pets with Santa program is a small fundraiser for the Friends in December. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at each library for a photo opportunity. It will cost \$5.00 to get a pet's picture taken with Santa. There will be also be goody bags for the pets (donated by Valerie and Annie).

Jensen talked about the need for playpens at the branches as we have noticed that there are times when parents could benefit from having a safe place to put down their young child while they work on the computer. The cost for three playpens is \$357. A motion was made to purchase the playpens by Bogan, with a second by Byrd.

Jensen also reported a small change to weekly money reporting. Funds from CD cleaning used to go to the Friends, but that will now go with the county deposit as the county purchased the disc cleaner.

Replacing Anahuac's digital camera and discussion of petty cash were removed from the agenda.

A motion to accept these reports was made by Byrd, with a second by Bogan.

Vass thanked the Friends for their support of the Summer Reading Program. It was a very successful event. Overall, statistics were up across the board from last year. The library was able to return to in-person programs this year. Crafts and carnival days were very popular and the end of summer parties with a foam cannon and shaved ice were very well attended. We received grants from Exxon, Entergy, ONEOK, and gift cards from HEB.

Next, Vass discussed the possibility of using the library's reading program, Beanstack, for fundraising with Readathons. Vass will get more information to present to the Friends at a later time.

Vass also talked about Nerd Con, coming up on November 5 at Eagle Pointe Recreation Complex. Details are still being finalized and special guests will be announced soon. Nerd Con is partnering with the City of Mont Belvieu for some advertising opportunities at Market at the Park and their Halloween event.

Forrest adjourned the meeting at 5:55pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 8 at 5pm at the Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch in Winnie.

Respectfully submitted,
Annie Vass