



Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board – Tuesday, November 8, 2022
Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch, Winnie

President Jean Abshier Forrest called meeting to order at 5:04pm. Those in attendance: Librarians Valerie Jensen and Annie Vass. Members, Jean Forrest, Susanne Bogan, Patty Long, Elaine Byrd, and Vickey Gaulding. A. Lynette Parsons joined via Zoom. Not present: Lena Yepez.

The meeting began with the Treasurer's report. Parsons gave an update of the current balances in the 3 accounts associated with the Friends, including the HOT funds (Nerd Con) account, Amazon Smile, and Kroger rewards. Bookstore/book cart totals to date: \$1600+. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Byrd, with a 2nd by Bogan.

The previous minutes were read and a motion to accept was made by Gaulding, with a 2nd by Byrd.

Bogan gave an update on the bookstore. She has several volunteer possibilities and talked about how well the bookstore is doing with purchases. She would like to do a fundraising basket again due to the success of the previous (\$243) – one for each branch and Forrest motioned for \$300 be spent on basket items with a 2nd by Parsons. Bogan asked about the mailout for memberships and when that would go out. She asked if it could include information on book donations due to the fact they have slowed down a bit. Parsons will include that in the call to meeting letter that includes the membership information.

Parsons then discussed the Giving Tuesday program. This is a day for people to give to their non-profit of choice. Parsons made a motion to continue Giving Tuesday, with a 2nd by Byrd.

Board elections – Forrest asked if Bogan would take over the role of President. Bogan will think about it and discuss any questions she has with Jean/Valerie. New member Patty Long accepted the request to become a board member. A motion was made by Bogan with a 2nd by Gaulding to accept Patty as the newest member of the Executive Board. Gaulding asked where possible members should live and the current need is Winnie and Anahuac.

Jensen discussed the membership drive that usually is a competition between branches. She spoke to staff and it seems that a general membership drive without the "competition" attached would be best. Staff can still get creative in their efforts to obtain memberships/renewals. Gaulding asked about getting copies of the membership form to pass out. Jensen gave her some information.

Jensen will also give the branch heads dates that their wish lists are due for discussion at the annual meeting.

Jensen gave a Nerd Con report – successful event, almost 1,500 people attended, great feedback, and already in planning mode for 2023.

The annual meeting date was set for February 4th in Mont Belvieu at 9am.

Patty Long discussed her desire to teach ESL classes to people in the community. Local businesses would benefit from this being a free class to the public. Patty is a retired Spanish teacher and certified ESL. We are thrilled with this possibility. Classes could be held at the library at Patty's convenience and Jensen mentioned that the library had some resources for her to look at. The library would also gladly purchase any materials needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 by President Jean Abshier Forrest.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Jensen, County Librarian