



Friends of the Library Executive Board Meeting - Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Juanita Hargraves Memorial Branch Library, Winnie

Meeting called to order by County Librarian Molly McGinty at 4:02pm.

Those in attendance: County Librarian Molly McGinty, Assistant County Librarian Leah Boe, Winnie Branch Head Cindy Alegria; Members: Chris Jircik, Dr. Mark Sizemore, Kim Hart

For National Library Week, Jean Forrest and Chris delivered cakes to the library branches on behalf of the FOL.

Treasurer Report:

Anahuac National Bank charged a \$15 monthly maintenance fee per account and will only waive one \$15 fee. Anahuac National Bank has not submitted the order for the FOL's checks so Chris cancelled the order. Stellar Bank doesn't charge the same fees for small business checking accounts. Chris made a motion to move the accounts to Stellar bank. Dr. Mark seconded. No opposed.

Chris will provide balances for the three FOL accounts at each meeting.

There was a discussion of the number of current FOL members. Leah has a list of members and will email the list to Chris.

When the new accounts at Stellar Bank are opened, the board agreed the signers would be Chris (as treasurer), Kim (as secretary), and Molly (as County Librarian).

The PayPal account is setup and is available to use for membership dues.

Some NerdCon money and a summer reading grant has been paid into PayPal. The funds will stay in PayPal until the new accounts are opened at Stellar Bank.

New Business:

Update on Anahuac Library—The county can't build the new library with P3 funds so other funds will be used. There will be a storage building to hold books and other items. The Methodist Church will provide space that will be used for a scaled-down library. The building site for the new library is located across the street from the Anahuac Middle School gym. Ground breaking is currently planned for June.

Each library branch has a Silhouette machine that needs a software update. The cost is \$50 for the update and will cover all three machines. Chris made a motion to pay for the update. Dr. Mark seconded. No opposed.

Molly is applying for a grant for NerdCon. FOL needs to create a budget to satisfy the grant's requirement.

Fundraising:

Cindy said previous gift basket raffles were successful, as was Giving Tuesday. She also explained how the annual book sales worked.

Leah discussed a FOL book where people could submit stories about how the library impacted them. The book would be sold at the branches.

Cindy said the FOL mail-out has been successful in the past. Molly will send out a newsletter in April to previous members from the last two years. Chris suggested mailing membership forms to library patrons. Leah will make the membership form active on the library's website.

Chris asked about sending FOL letters to businesses, and Cindy suggested having an open house for businesses to come to the library. Leah suggested tying in a wine tasting.

Dr. Mark volunteered to write grants.

A cake decorating contest was discussed.

Cindy suggested FOL purchase items and resell them, like book bags.

Leah suggested making recipes from the Chambers County pioneer cookbook for a program to tie into a fundraiser.

Other Business:

Cindy discussed the branch wishlists that have been historically presented at the annual FOL meeting. Cindy asked if Friends would be interested in volunteering for a program during the Summer Reading Program. A calendar of SRP events will be shared with the Friends.

The cost of a table at NerdCon is \$100. Vendors are already reserving their spots.

Molly adjourned the meeting at 4:55pm.

Next meeting: July 23, 3pm
Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch Library, Mont Belvieu