Minutes for Friends of TPML Members Meeting February 26, 2024

Attendees: Terry Evans, Susan Smith, Natalie Shults, Janice Epps, Gayle Tober, Cazilda Steele, Diane Joppie, Connie Howard, Mary Gatchell, Doris Roberts, Rudell Moss, Art Williams, JoAnn Duffy, Joan Kemple, Patti Davey, Marsha White, Jim Little, Jo Johnstone

Meeting came to order at 1:00pm, Terry Evans presiding
Minutes from the January 22, 2024 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
Joan Kemple complimented the article and pictures of the LAKE Mobile in the New Braunfels Herald-Zeitung. A copy of the article is attached.

President’s Report
Terry commented on the handouts he distributed. Additional events will be added to the preliminary Events Calendar 2024. He is looking forward to the Dinofest at the Heritage Museum on March 23 where the Friends will be represented. Mara, the library’s outreach coordinator, will be attending too. The Canyon Lake Reads Off-Site Registration form was distributed encouraging people to sign up for events as deadlines are nearing for payment. Some people have signed up but not paid. In addition, he reported the Friends Board has two openings for the next year. The officers that cannot repeat their two-year term are President and Secretary. He asked for recommendations. Terry will continue to work on the Big Give even though he will not be President.

Library Director’s Report
Natalie said an electric car charger had been donated by an anonymous donor for the parking lot. The library is creating a sign for the Friends of the Library to accompany the electric car charger. It will have a QR code so that a person who uses the charger can donate to the Friends of the Library if they wanted to. The payment will go directly to the Friends Pay Pal account. She congratulated the Friends for all the work they do for the library.

Treasurer’s Report
Janice gave a summary of the January financial report.

Checking Ending Balance 01/31/2024: $4,257.56
Savings Ending Balance 01/31/2024: $2,804.69

Membership Report
Cazilda reported 274 members with the goal of reaching 300 members by the end of the fiscal year. She explained the difficulty she had setting up the card for new members. She is exploring ways to reach people not familiar with the library, and different ideas on attracting library patrons when they are in the library during the membership drive.

Bookstore Report
Connie reported $460 sales. Art Williams will be the temporary manager for three months while Connie is gone.

Fundraising/Events Report
Gayle said in addition to the events on the handout sheet, she is working on setting up an accessory sale the weekend before Mother’s Day, May 3-4. Several suggestions were made from people that have helped in the past. The inside golfing event last year was so popular she wants to have it again in July and obtain sponsorships for individual holes. Also, she is thinking of having a pickle ball tournament in the fall.
Little Free Library
Joan reported the library for Brookshire Brothers is complete but will not be installed until Connie returns in June. A great thank you to Connie’s husband, Wayne, for building the library. Mary Gatchell reported she had difficulty trying to configure a map to show the locations of the libraries for a handout, and was not satisfied with the result. After much discussion it was agreed that a map was not necessary.

New Business
No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm.
Minutes by Susan Smith, Secretary