Minutes for Friends of TPML Members Meeting April 15, 2024

Attendees: Terry Evans, Susan Smith, Natalie Shults, Janice Epps, Gayle Tober, Cazilda Steele, Diane Joppie, Mary Gatchell, Doris Roberts, Rudell Moss, Art Williams, JoAnn Duffy, Joan Kemple, Marsha White, Jim Little, Jo Johnstone, Cynthia Anders, Judy Beach, Steve Beach, Rita Hollaway, Jean Whileyman

Meeting came to order at 1:00pm, Terry Evans presiding
Minutes from the February 26, 2024 meeting were approved.

Public Comment
No public comment.

President’s Report
Terry reported all the positions on the Board will be open for the upcoming election on May 20. He will be sending out a notice of the upcoming election and asking for nominations for the positions. Nominations are due May 5. Terry said he will continue to work on the Big Give even though he will not be President. He also asked for ideas for how the Big Give funds should be spent for the library. An updated Events Calendar was distributed. Terry said Natalie’s second anniversary with the library was April 18 and presented a cake to celebrate.

Library Director’s Report
Natalie had many events and activities for February and March to report for the library:
The electric car charger has been installed in the parking lot, along with the sign for the Friends of the Library.
Professional development for the staff has been ongoing. Two members were sent to the Texas Library Association conference and two to the Public Library Association conference.
They are working on the financial feasibility for the renovation and expansion of the library. A Facilities Committee has been set up to review the proposals when the RFP (Request for Proposal) process begins. Doris Roberts and Cazilda Steele will represent the Friends on the committee to assist in raising funds for the project.
May 4 at 1-3 pm will be the grand opening of the Apiary.
A new audio resource called Tonie has been introduced for children and is very popular.
Updated software for the library calendar and to make it easier for people to register for events is coming soon.
The Summer Reading Fun Fest is scheduled for June 1, 10 am to noon, with the theme Enchanted Forest.
Over 600 people attended the eclipse activities. The events were intergenerational and something for everyone. Prior to the eclipse, glasses were passed out from the Lakemobile while on its scheduled route.

Treasurer’s Report
Janice gave a summary of the February and March financial report.

Checking Ending Balance 02/29/2024: $3,776.23
Savings Ending Balance 02/29/2024: $3,273.71

Checking Ending Balance 03/31/2024: $4,761.92
Savings Ending Balance 03/31/2024: $10,195.38

A check from the Friends for $1,761.92 was given to the library. Several questions were asked about the Friends Endowment Fund with the New Braunfels Community Foundation as to the report received and what gains and/or losses occur. In future meetings the monthly copy of the financial report will be distributed. In addition, a copy of the monthly Treasurer’s Report will be distributed.
**Membership Report**
Cazilda reported working on a draft of a new Friends membership brochure to attract new and renewal members. She has added a new page to the brochure and is reviewing with Natalie and will present to the Board to get their comments. She has been researching other Friends’ organizations to get new ideas on increasing membership. When the brochure is completed, she will hand out at the next Friends meeting. Currently there are 276 members.

**Bookstore Report**
Art Williams and Mary Gatchell are managing the bookstore while Connie Howard is gone. The reported sales for February were $723 and for March $534. Ebay sales for February were $221 and for March were $71. Ebay sales fluctuate a lot from month to month. Operations have been running smoothly the last two months.

**Fundraising/Events Report**
Gayle reported the Springtime Accessory Sale is scheduled for May 10-11 the week before Mother’s Day. She will be setting up the sign-up genius for volunteers. Ruddell Moss said they are receiving lots of donations and she is putting tags on the items that will be priced prior to the sale. She requested shoe boxes to use for the sale. Discussion was held on the number of flyers and where they should be posted. The Indoor Golf event is scheduled for August 2 and she will be working on contacting sponsorships for the individual holes.

**New Business**
Doris Roberts distributed a summary of the very successful Canyon Lake Reads event.

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