Minutes for Friends of TPML Members Meeting May 20, 2024

Attendees: Terry Evans, Susan Smith, Natalie Shults, Janice Epps, Gayle Tober, Cazilda Steele, Mary Gatchell, Doris Roberts, Art Williams, Joan Kemple, Marsha White, Jim Little, Robin Krig, Connie Howard, Judy Beach, Steve Beach

Meeting came to order at 1:00pm, Terry Evans presiding
Minutes from the April 15, 2024 meeting were approved.

President’s Report
Terry reported today the 2024-2025 election of officers will be held. He asked Susan to read the names of the nominees: President-Jim Little; VP Membership-Cazilda Steele; VP Fundraising-Gayle Tober; Treasurer-Janice Epps; Secretary-Terry Evans; and for the three new Directors-Art Williams, Doris Roberts, and Diane Joppie.
Terry asked for those in favor of the nominees and all members said Yea; he asked for those not in favor and there were none.

Library Director’s Report
Natalie confirmed she has resigned as Library Director and accepted an offer to be Library Director at the Boerne library. Her last day will be May 29. Sandy will serve as the interim director until a replacement is found. Natalie expressed her thanks to all the Friends for their support during her time with the library and has enjoyed working with everyone. She listed the many accomplishments and successes during her time with the library: the addition of Mara to the library staff for the expanded outreach program along with the Lakemobile; the Maker Space; opening of the Apiary; purchase of land and sending the Statement of Qualifications for architectural services; new calendar management system, and many more.

Treasurer’s Report
Janice distributed the treasurer’s report for the month ending April 2024, and a copy of the Library Endowment Fund.

Checking Ending Balance 04/30/2024: $3,420.47
Savings Ending Balance 04/30/2024: $8,477.18

A check was issued to the library for $1,761.92

Art mentioned the Savings account was fairly large and maybe a portion of it could be applied to the library endowment fund. The savings amount is used for Canyon Lake Reads which will not occur again for 2-3 years. Janice will be putting together a final budget for CLR and then this will be discussed further.

Membership Report
Cazilda handed out the new Friends membership brochure and pointed out the changes. Jim Little questioned the difference between “Contributing” and “Active” members. After much discussion, Cazilda will revise and send to the Board members for their review. In the past letters have been sent out as a reminder to join Friends and it was agreed to continue sending the letters. Cazilda will keep a count to see how many people sign up using the mailing to determine if it is cost effective. The volunteer genius has been set up for people to volunteer at the membership renewal table in the library during June. Currently there are 281 members.

Bookstore Report
Art Williams and Mary Gatchell are managing the bookstore while Connie Howard is gone. The reported sales for May were $666.97.
Fundraising/Events Report
Gayle thanked those that helped during the Springtime Accessory Sale on May 10-11 which raised $1405. The total has not been finalized as some of the remainder items will be sold on eBay and some items will be taken to resale shops. The majority of the sales were on Friday so discussion as to having the next sale just on Friday. August 2 is the Children’s Indoor Golf event, and she is still working on the pickle ball tournament. She contacted the President of the Art Guild to discuss the future Arts and Crafts date.

New Business
Gayle is interested in getting a group of young people to help with the “heavy lifting” to set up for future events. Connie volunteered to call the local high school to see if there are students interested in community service.

Public Comment
No public comment.

The meeting was adjourned at 3pm.
Minutes by Susan Smith