

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Board of Directors meeting January 26, 1998.

Ann Albrecht called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Those present for the meeting were Ken Jones, Patricia McClanahan, Mary Ann Westbrook, Glenda Stone, Ivy Lou Cleveland, Nedra Maddox and Ann Albrecht.

Those absent were Frank Ewell, Mary Ann Lipford and Mike Moser.

Next item on the agenda was approval of the Minutes of November 17, 1997, read by Patricia McClanahan, Secretary. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Ivy Lou Cleveland, seconded by Nedra Maddox.

There was not much to report on the Officer Reports . Ann Albrecht, for the President's Report, said that she had drafted a newsletter that the Board needed to review. There was no report for the Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, or Parliamentarian.

There was no report from the By-Laws Committee, Finance Committee, Ways and Means Committee or Bake Sale Committee since they had not met . Mary Ann Lipford was absent so there was no report from the membership committee, but Ken Jones said that Mary Ann had been moving forward with her plans to increase Membership. Glenda Stone reported that they are adding books for the Annual Book Sale which will be held in the Fall. Glenda Stone also reported on the Public Relations Committee for the Dinner in the Stacks which is that committee's next big project. They hope to get more people interested in being part of the Public Relations Committee. Glenda reported that Pat Cockerell was interested in getting Jerry Flemmons as a speaker for Dinner in the Stacks, because he was so good as a speaker for the recent Library retreat. Jerry Flemmons can talk about local history, outlaws, Waco, or his travels. Glenda said that the best dates for the Dinner would be either April 18 or April 25. Mary Ann Westbrook mentioned that Mary Jane Mingus would also be a good speaker for the Dinner with her trip to China, her consulting work on costumes, and her knowledge on historical costumes.

Ken Jones made the suggestion that the Dinner has traditionally been in the stacks and has gone well, as long as there were no more than fifty to seventy-five people present. When there have been a hundred people in attendance, it has been crowded. Ken wondered, if one hundred to two hundred people wanted to buy tickets, we may need to move the Dinner to the Student Development Center. This was discussed

and the consensus of Board Members present was that it would not be the same if the Dinner was not in the Library stacks. The tickets would be limited in the total number sold. It would be a first come, first serve basis until the tickets were gone. It was also suggested that we have an elevated platform so the speaker could sit down and still be seen by everyone. Ken Jones said that he would have time to see that a platform is built for the April dinner.

Glenda Stone stated that the Display Committee works with the speaker to put up a display to illustrate what the speaker will be doing. Glenda said that the guests always enjoy the time before the Dinner to have punch and cookies and to look at the display.

There was no old business to discuss.

For new business, Ann Albrecht talked about the Winter Newsletter for which she had brought a draft for Board suggestions. In the discussion, the consensus of the Board Members was that the Newsletter would contain an announcement on the April Dinner and would encourage more people to get involved in the committees. The newsletter would announce The Friends of the Library Board of Directors and the Officers for the coming year, as well as the committee Chairpersons. The Newsletter would give the telephone numbers for the officers, and would announce the forthcoming Book Sale and Bake Sale. Ken Jones suggested that the plea for involvement be moved to the top of the Newsletter with a box around it to draw attention to it.

The Winter Newsletter would be followed up by a Spring Newsletter that Would advertise the Spring Dinner in the Stacks, would possibly include a membership listing and a paragraph to try to get more people interested in being part of Friends of the Library. Glenda Stone said that she has a list of people who have attended the Dinner in the Stacks in the past but are not Friends members so the Newsletter could be sent to them to encourage their membership. The consensus of the members present was to send a Spring Newsletter at least two weeks before the Dinner, either at the end of March or the first of April. It was suggested by Glenda Stone that the invitation for the Dinner be on a separate sheet of paper. It was also suggested that we ask for more suggestions for Dinner speakers In the Spring Newsletter.

Concern was brought up concerning the cost of mailing the Newsletter. Ken Jones said that we could have up to five pages under one stamp.

Attendance at the Board Meetings was discussed. Ann Albrecht said that she considered the Board Meetings open to all who want to come. Ken Jones agreed that the meeting could be open to everyone. In

the discussion that followed, it was brought out that the more involvement in Friends of the Library the better.

We have Chairpersons for each committee. The Chairpersons can appoint additional members to their committees. We will vote on new committee member names at our next meeting.

Mary Ann Westbrook suggested the best day for the Bake Sale would be on a Monday to give time to bake over the weekend. Ken Jones said that the first Monday in May would be a good date and that would be May 4.

Glenda Stone reported that the Campus Store has donated several boxes of book the last two years for the Book Sale. The good part about the Campus Store's donation is, their goods are not bought with State money since the Campus Store is owned by a private company.

Ann Albrecht said that the committees need to get rolling before the next meeting.

Ann Albrecht also reported that she hoped, by putting her telephone number in the Winter Newsletter as a source for membership Information, she could get more members by the next meeting. The next Friends of the Library Board meeting will be Monday March 2, 1998 at 4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Westbrook will reserve the Multipurpose Room in the Library for the meeting.

The following announcements were made before adjournment. Glenda Stone asked members present if they were more interested in Jerry Flemmons speaking on outlaws or on his travels. Ann Albrecht announced that she would contact each Chairperson to see that the committees meet before our next Board meeting. Ann Albrecht also said that she will get the Winter Newsletter out soon. Ken Jones said that we need to set up rules for handling postage for the mailing of the Newsletter. Ann Albrecht stated that she would get the telephone numbers of the three Board members absent to put in the Winter Newsletter.

Ann Albrecht adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.