

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Board of Directors meeting October 19, 1998.

Meeting was called to order by President, Ann Albrecht, at 3:40 p.m.

Those present for the meeting were Frank Ewell, Ann Albrecht, Glenda Stone, Mike Moser, Pat Cockerell, Mary Ann Lipford, Mary Ann Westbrook, and Ken Jones.

Those absent from the meeting were Dennis Jones, Nedra Maddox, Ivy Lou Cleveland, and Patricia McClanahan.

OFFICER REPORTS

Patricia McClanahan had a work related conference in Waco and could not attend; Glenda Stone took the minutes in Patricia's absence. Pat Cockerell moved to accept the minutes and Mary Ann Westbrook seconded. The vote was unanimous to accept the minutes for September 21, 1998.

The President's report was that the Dinner in the Stacks was wonderful, and we survived another one.

Frank Ewell reported that he is planning to pull off the Bake Sale again The first Monday in May.

Treasurer, Mike Moser, handed out two different documents. One was the financial statement for August 31, 1998, comparing it to the financial statement of August 31, 1997. The other document was the financial statement of September 30, 1998, comparing it to the financial statement of September 30, 1997.

Mike Moser said he was asked to report on the findings of becoming non-profit status; he said we were NOT non-profit status. Glenda Stone mentioned that Texas Tech University's Friends of the Library IS a non-profit organization according to Section 501©3 of the Internal Revenue Code and is affiliated with the Texas Tech Development Foundation, but the money is earmarked for the library. Mike was aware that some state university library friend's groups are non-profit. Pat Cockerell asked Mike to explain why he feels our group should not have non-profit status. Mike said that he feels it is advantageous for us to not have non-profit status.

Mary Ann Westbrook reported that she deposited \$506.00 from the Dinner in the Stacks and had already made a couple of other deposits

earlier for the dinner.

Ken Jones reported that Dr. McCabe appreciated the fact that we are progressing as an established group and is going to make an effort to get all the faculty/staff to become members of Friends of the Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BY-LAWS

Frank Ewell reported that the revised Constitution and By-Laws of the Friends of the Dick Smith Library had been voted on at the General Membership meeting in September.

Pat Cockerell asked that the dues structure be changed so that we don't have TWO lifetime categories. The Board discussed, and decided to drop the \$500 category and keep the \$250 lifetime membership category. Mary Ann Westbrook moved that we vote to put that change on the agenda for the next General Membership Meeting in September 1999. Ken Jones seconded the motion and members voted to put this item on the agenda for the Fall 1999 Membership Meeting.

NEWSLETTER

Dennis Jones was in class, but Ann Albrecht gave the report for the Newsletter Committee. Ann said that in the next Newsletter we would Announce the date for the next Dinner in the Stacks, report on the Book Sale, the Fall Dinner in the Stacks, and the Bake Sale. Mary Ann Westbrook suggested we include, in the Newsletter, information on where to purchase Allana Martin's books. Mary Ann also moved that we purchase Allana's second book (the library already has the first book). Everyone was in favor of purchasing the second book.

BOOK SALE

Glenda Stone reported that the sale had brought in \$492.20, and she reported she had lots of help with the sale. Glenda also wanted to know from Mike Moser whether we could have another sale soon to try to get rid of the remaining books when students were around. There were a number of carts of books left and they usually get rid of ALL of the books. The ensuing discussion tossed around a lot of ideas on the best way to get the books sold. Glenda was wanting to put the carts out for the students to purchase at reduced prices and to pay the sales tax on the money brought in from the sale. The discussion seemed to indicate a need to wait for Mike Moser to get the tax exemption number and then, possibly, having another sale on a day when students are around. It was brought out that Mike needed to get clarification on whether, when we get the exemption number, the one-day sale we had September 19 could stand by itself and

not be subject to tax since we had the legal one-day sale for that time. It was also brought out that we needed to get clarification from Mike on how much time needs to lapse before we could have another book sale. There was discussion on the best times to have the book sale. It was not concluded whether Friday and Saturday or Sunday and Monday would be the best times for the book sale. Glenda Stone reported that, when they had had the sale on Sunday and Monday, the public comes to the Sunday sale, and most of the students would be on campus Monday to make use of the sale.

DINNER

Pat Cockerell reported that Allana Martin is ready to speak to the Dinner, and is getting things ready for the display. There will be hors d'oeuvres, dinner, a "murder", an inspector to investigate the murder, and the talk by Allana Martin. They are raising the price of the dinner to \$12 for members and \$14 for non-members for the fall dinner. They will raise the price more later, but will do it gradually. It costs us \$11 per plate, so we do not make much on the dinner. This time we are going to let ARA put up and take down the tables, so any extra money will go to pay for that. We will do well to break even this time. Ann Albrecht, Pat Cockerell and Glenda Stone will meet to sketch out a brochure to be used to advertise the Dinner in the Stacks. The idea was brought to the board that they are considering Dick King to speak at the Spring 1999 dinner and tie it in to the Centennial. If Dick King is unavailable at that time, Christopher Guthrie could also speak; his book should be finished by then. Ann Albrecht brought up that Val Taylor would also be good material for a dinner with the topic of the Civil War. The committee has also received suggestions for themes on Davy Crockett and Jesse James.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Mary Ann Lipford reported on the meeting of the Membership Committee. The committee consists of Kelli Styron, Cristy Campbell-Furtick, Stacy Roeming and Mary Ann Lipford, who is the Chair. They have plans to target not only the Stephenville area, but the surrounding areas like Granbury and DeLeon. Each member of the committee is going to take an area to concentrate on distributing flyers and announcing the Friends' activities and information on benefits. Some of the ideas that Mary Ann brought before the Board, that the committee felt were important to increasing membership, were that it would help if the Board would accept post-dated checks, it would help if we could offer the teachers a discount, and we could make it easier to get an ID card by having a group membership with a certain number of ID cards that could rotate among the group's members. The Board agreed that we could handle accepting post-dated checks. The Board disagreed with offering membership discounts for teachers. The subject of ID card brought up much discussion and much brainstorming of ideas on how to coordinate paying dues and getting an ID card to check out materials.

OLD BUSINESS

General Membership Meeting. It was reported that eleven were in attendance. Ken Jones said that we needed a program to generate interest. Mary Ann Lipford suggested that maybe each person could bring a person to the General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business discussed.

NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Library Board will be Monday, Oct. 19, 1998 in Room 221 in the Library, at 3:30 p.m. Ann Albrecht said that at The October meeting, we would talk about the Spring Dinner in the Stacks Speaker and the web page.

The September 21, 1998 meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.