

FPAL MEETING MINUTES

11/08/2016

Call to Order:

President Mary Jane Yarrington called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Roll Call:

Board member present:

Mary Jane Yarrington, Jennifer Richardson, Ferryn Twarkins, Amy Brinkerhoff, Ann Callendar, Pat Watson, Tom Twarkins, Lynn Oswald. Also present were Terri Urquhart and Jackie Claussen.

Minutes: Amy

Motion to approve minutes was made by Jennifer and seconded by Pat and passed.

Treasurer' Report: Ferryn

Account balances through October 2016

Checking=\$6411.83

Amazon Smile Checking=\$80.61

Savings=\$7625.03 (9/30/16)

CD=\$23,281.79

Alyssa's=\$167.00

Pace Library=\$181.68

We continue to get donations (a \$200.00 & a \$250.00 donation of significant note) as well as membership fees.

\*\*We neglected to get a motion/second and vote to accept Treasurer's report

Terri:

Volunteer luncheon is Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Milton Library. There are two people confirmed to attend this event so far. Santa will be here on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Terri requested cookie donations for this event; Anne, Mary Jane, Jackie and Lynn volunteered to bring cookies. Terri requested the cookies be brought the afternoon prior. Artists & Authors event was successful however, a spring date for the event will be used in the future.

A letter from Gwen Wilson, Library Director was sent to us via Terri to request a commitment of \$6500.00 for the upcoming year. A brief discussion of purpose of the request and disbursement of funds was given for those new to the board. A motion was made by Jennifer to approve the request, seconded by Jackie and passed.

New Business:

Christmas Event discussed in Terri's presentation.

A patron inquired if we had a lifetime membership category. Currently we do not and after a brief discussion we decided we did not want to entertain the idea at this time. This brought up the discussion of raising our membership rates as our stream of revenue will decrease without our traditional book sale at the church. Ferryn stated membership letters are sent in January so we will make a decision about an increase and vote at the January meeting prior to the letters being sent. Jennifer volunteered to research what the membership fees are at other Friends groups to compare our rates.

Lynn contacted Mary Jane with a concern about the lack of accessibility to library information. Currently the county has a web-site for the Library system and some information is also available on the Board of County Commissioner's web-site. We also have our own web-site as a Friends group. Lynn voiced that a newsletter with concise information instead of having to go to multiple sites would be helpful. A suggestion was made to add links to our web-site for things like the calendar which covers more events in the library system. We will make this information available to Martha for inclusion. Jennifer will add suggested links to our Facebook. No one volunteered to take on composing a newsletter at this time.

The Secretary requested that our minutes be placed on our web-site (after approval) so interested parties know what we do and our goals/accomplishments as we support the library. The approved minutes will be sent to Martha for inclusion. The motion to approve was made by Jennifer, seconded by Jackie and passed.

We have been informed that we now will only have one storage unit for free for the next year. Ferryn will keep the books used at Alyssa's at her home to make the most of the room we have in the unit.

The date of our next book sale to be held at the library was set for March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will set up on Thursday after closing and run the sale Friday and Saturday.

Jennifer was contacted by Alyssa that a customer was complaining in the store that Alyssa was not supporting the community because of our downsized available space in the store. A decision was made to send Alyssa a letter of appreciation for all that she has done to support our organization so she knows the feelings of one are not the feelings of the group.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2017

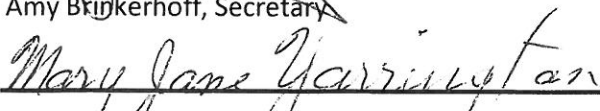
Motion to adjourn was made by Mary Jane, seconded by Jennifer and passed at 6:31.

Minutes submitted and approved as written/corrected.



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Amy Brinkerhoff, Secretary



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Mary Jane Yarrington, President