Minutes for Friends of TPML Members Meeting November 20, 2023

Attendees: Terry Evans, Susan Smith, Mara Benitez, Jo Johnstone, Janice Epps, Jean Whileyman, Gayle Tober, Ernie Weber, Judy Weber, Jim Little, Mary Gatchell, Joan Kemple, Marilyn Cameron, Connie Howard

Meeting came to order at 1:00pm, Terry Evans presiding.
Minutes from the October 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

President's Report
Terry talked about all the events the Friends has been involved in and the accomplishments throughout the year. In the future, he would like the Friends to have more public involvement. In addition, he wants to have Public Comment at the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end of the meeting. There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 15, 2024.

Treasurer's Report
Janice reported Shell gave a matching donation of $500 to the Big Give; and a check for $1,085 was given to the library.

Checking Ending Balance 10/30/2023: $16,960.87
Savings Ending Balance 10/30/2023: $4,904.11

Library Director's Report
Mara reported for the library. Natalie will start attending meetings within the library remotely the end of November, and is expected to return to the library late December or first of the year.

Mara said the official unveiling of the LAKEmobile on October 28 was very successful. They attended five trunk or treats with the staff handling several more in Canyon Lake. She gave an overview of the seven anticipated stops. Some of the items ordered to be installed in the Lakemobile have arrived but waiting on the shelving. The LAKEmobile spec sheet and Outreach services' information was presented for review. More children are participating in library events with 100-125 attending the Meet the Reptile event; and the library DinoNovember was also well attended.

Membership Report
In Cazilda's absence, Terry reported there are 260 members. He showed a sample of the new membership card with information about Friends of the Library which will be given out to potential members at events and on the Lakemobile.

Book Store Report
Connie reported book store sales of $310.43 for October. In response to questions from a new member she explained the book store operation and the history and current Canyon Lake Reads program. In addition. Terry explained what the Big Give was and how the Friends participate.

Fundraising/Events Report
Gayle said the Arts & Crafts event scheduled for November 3 and 4 had 14 vendors, and the Friends earned approximately $500. There were other similar events in the Canyon Lake area on the same dates but the vendors were pleased.
Connie reminded everyone of the Bake Sale on November 22 in the library lobby that has always been so popular.

Little Free Library Report
Jo said she did some maintenance work on the Ace Hardware library. Joan said the Yogi Bear's Jellystone library is more popular in the summer for children although adults still use the library throughout the year. Brookshire Bros is still interested in having a Little Free Library but has not

received the final approval from management. Connie's husband is building the library and is planning to have it ready by late December.

New Business and Public Comment

Gayle complimented the men and/or husbands of Friends and volunteers that help with all the activities sponsored by the Friends especially Art Williams and Jim Little.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.
Minutes by Susan Smith, Secretary