Minutes of the Friends of TPML Member Meeting January 22, 2024

Attendees: Mary Gatchell, Doris Roberts, Natalie Shults, Cazilda Steele, Diane Joppie, Jim Little, Joan Kemple, Patti L. Davey, Marsha White, Gayle Tober, Art Williams, Charlie Mayer, JoAnn Duffy

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 by Cazilda Steele in Terry Evans' absence. Cazilda welcomed all attendees and introduced Charlie Mayer, a new Lifetime Member.

The minutes from the November 20, 2023, meeting were distributed.

President's Report
The Canyon Lake Reads Sneak Peak event gave people an advance look at what the CLR is about by having tables for the various activities. The author and his wife did a reading from the book and the illustrator talked about the cover and how it was created. The book, Bold Crossing, is for sale in the bookstore and the front desk.

Library Director's Report
Natalie Shults has been back from leave for two weeks. Connie contacted Natalie about some tweaks to the website, particularly the Friends' page, and Natalie will follow up on the request. May 18 will be the grand opening of the aviary. The fencing was paid for by a donor and from funds from the Friends. World Bee Day is May 20, 2024 so the timing is appropriate. Natalie attended the CLR Sneak Peak and is very excited about the event for the library and the community.

Treasurer's Report
In Jan's absence, Cazilda reported the balance in the checking account on December 31, 2023, was $7,423.98 and the balance in the savings account was $4,906.39.

Bookstore Report
Cazilda reported the bookstore sales for December were $564.42, $180 of that was from book sales on E-Bay. Beginning in February the Bookstore will no longer be open late on Tuesdays due to difficulties manning the bookstore and lack of customers.

Membership Report

Cazilda reported we have 272 members. Business members – 26; Collectors – 4; Family – 60; Individuals – 117; Lifetime – 12; Patrons – 33; Supporters – 25. Her goal is 300 members. Cazilda reported postcards will be sent out in February to continue encouraging patrons to become members of the TPML Friends.

Fundraising/Events Report

Gayle will report the results of the November bake sale next month. She is considering fundraising events such as Pickleball and/or a golf tournament.

Little Free Library Report

Joan reported that a new “little library" box has been completed by Wayne and Connie Howard and it will be set up at Brookshire Brothers. Discussion was had regarding placing more Little Free Library boxes in RV parks. Joan thought since we now have the LakeMobile, usage may decline at the Little Free Library locations. Mary will create a map showing all the locations of LFLs.

New Business

We have had feedback that people would like us to have another Attic Sale, but we do not have enough items for another sale at this time. Also, it has been suggested that we have our big Book Sale twice a year, but we do not have enough books at this time to do more than one book sale a year.

The next Friends’ meeting will be on February 26, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Cazilda adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane L. Joppie,
Secretary Pro Tempore