

**Friends of the El Paso Public Library—Main Library
Board Meeting
Minutes, December 1, 2008**

Present: Marsha Labodda, Jim Przepasniak, Stuart Van Slyke, Vona Van Cleef, Pat Worthington, Laura Hollingsed, Ann May, Betsy Allen-Rodriguez, Kitty Spalding, Ho Baron, and Carol Brey-Casiano.

Call to Order: Marsha called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the El Paso Public Library—Main Library.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the last meeting on October 27, 2008 were approved with minor corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Vona reported that October was a very good month for book sales. Total receipts were \$992.33 and expenditures were \$2,533.10. The checkbook balance was \$4,115.14 on October 31. The Angela Przepasniak Memorial Fund was \$884.52. Total checking and savings was \$6,754.09. Vona reported a discrepancy of \$.30 due to a check misread by the bank. The Treasurer's report was approved by the board.

The board also approved reimbursement of \$69.44 to Marsha for paper to print flyers for the Tim Tingle visit, \$35.36 to Vona for keys, and \$50.31 for books from the Angela Przepasniak fund.

Director's Report: Carol stated that the city office wants to change the wording of the Memorandum of Understanding, and she will send the final version to us. She also noted that there was no line item for food and beverages in the new budget, and the library will need help with funding those items. The steering committee for the new Friends Foundation met recently and will meet again on December 8, 2008 and on January 8, 2009 for strategic planning.

Old Business:

Book Store: Ho suggested that the Friends should look into hiring someone to staff the Book Store, since volunteer staff is hard to find. Marsha will contact the Westside book store to find out about their contract employees.

The Book Store also needs a mop.

Dia de los Ninos Fund: Vona reported that the Library received a \$4,000.00 grant from the J.P. Morgan Chase Foundation. The money was put into a 3-month Certificate of Deposit for now and will be put in the checking account in March.

Publicity for Tim Tingle: Marsha purchased paper for flyers and bookmarks for the event.

Rare/Old/Collectible Books: The books are available in the bookstore and are priced from \$2.00-\$50.00.

Angela Przepasniak Memorial Fund: Fifty dollars worth of books were purchased with money from the fund.

Nomination Committee: Kitty has had a few responses and will have a slate by January 1st.

Membership forms: More membership forms are needed.

New Business:

Funding Requests:

Tote bags from David's Apparel will cost \$5.75 each for 100 bags. After discussion by the board, the tote bag purchase was postponed until later.

Jim reported that the new tables have arrived. The Library needs ten more but will settle for five. The cost would be \$1,500.00 for ten tables and \$750.00 for five tables.

Jim also stated that the Children's Section has requested \$300.00 for holiday programming and story times, including \$130.00 for candy, gifts, and refreshments, and \$170.00 for a stereo system. He mentioned that he donated a large bag of candy worth \$30.00. Teen Town needs \$200.00 for party and craft supplies and \$100.00 for new speakers for Monday movie nights.

Board members noted that the Friends group will have future expenses of \$40.00 for dues and \$150.00 for food for the Friends Council meeting and Tim Tingle visit in January.

After discussion, the board approved expenditures of \$750.00 for five tables, \$200.00 for the Young Adults section, and \$300.00 for the Children's section.

Laura requested the Friends' support of El Paso County Historical Society's project to digitize the old El Paso City Directories. The oldest directories are held by the Main Library and will be loaned temporarily to the Historical Society to be scanned at the University of Texas at El Paso Library. After the books are scanned and the images are put online, public access to the information will be improved, and the entire community will benefit from this cooperative project. The board voted to support the project.

Announcements:

The Friends Council will meet on January 20, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

Next Meeting: The next Friends meeting will be on Monday, January 12, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

The Annual Friends meeting with Tim Tingle will be on January 25, 2009 at 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Main Library.

A dinner with Tim Tingle will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at Julio's Restaurant.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Marsha Labodda.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laura Hollingsed, Secretary.