

Friends of Northside Independent School District Libraries
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2007

The second General Membership Meeting of Friends of Northside ISD Libraries was held at the Northside Museum at 7:00 p.m. on September 17, 2007.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Joyce Huntgren after which Dr. Martha Mead gave two inspirational quotes.

Secretary's Report

The minutes were read by Secretary Norma Murphy. Jana Knezek said that the minutes should include the fact that student membership is free. With that correction Carrie Damon moved to accept the minutes as read and Sovreynne Dougherty seconded the motion. The vote to accept the minutes was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Dr. Benito Resendiz presented the Treasurer's Report which is attached. \$2,200.70 is in the treasury at this time. He added that steps are being taken to better account for members. The original grant money of \$1,000 was to be spent within the first year, however, that restriction was waived and the remaining unspent amount remains available. That will probably go for more brochures. Carrie moved to accept the report. Kathy Lindley seconded and all voted in agreement.

Director of Library and Textbook Services Report

Library Services Director Jana Knezek reported that 15 additional librarians began the school year to fill vacancies or new school positions. Three quarters of NS librarians attended Resource Roundup at Region 20 this month. NS librarians are serving on TLA committees and planning presentations for next year's conference.

Jana introduced new staff members. Linda Miller now fills the Sirsi position formerly held by Melinda Dawson. Faye Hagerty has a new position of developing integration projects with campus librarians and teachers.

Faye is Chair Elect of the TLA Friends Committee. Jana and Joyce will be at next year's conference in Dallas to share with others how our Friends group began and flourishes.

Joyce and Chris Charlton attended the 2007 TLA Conference held in San Antonio.

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Membership Committee Report

Lisa Charlton reported 99 members, many of whom joined at Story Fest. The committee is working on a system to better track members. This report was distributed to board members.

Advocacy Committee Report

Kathy Lindley reported that both the Texas Senate and House of Representatives approved a budget containing 7 million dollars in new funding for library programs.

Concern now is ramifications from the SKILLS Act. This report was distributed to board members. Continued effort will be on identifying Friends members who will write legislators on library issues.

Special Events Committee Report

Faye Hagerty reported that this committee helped with the first general meeting last year and they held a very successful Story Fest in Jan. 2007. That report is attached.

Public Relations Committee Report

Carrie Damon and her committee were very busy during the year preparing a brochure, a website, a logo, a letterhead and Story Fest advertising. Jana submitted the brochure to the national FOLUSA competition and it won First Place! The logo was developed with the help of David Sanchez. The new letterhead was displayed for all to see, along with the certificate for the brochure award.

Carrie's full report was given to board members.

Nominating Committee Report

In the report submitted by Jana Knezek, Melinda Dawson and Norma Murphy who served on the committee a slate of officers for the coming year was presented. From the floor Chris Charlton was nominated for Student Representative and Frances Ramos-Contreres was nominated for the Elementary Librarian Representative. A vote elected Chris. Ed Rawlinson moved that these and those presented by the committee be accepted by acclamation. Sovreyne seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Executive Board members were nominated to serve an additional term. Melinda Dawson moved to accept by acclamation and Kathy Lindley seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Recognition of Outgoing Board Members

Joyce thanked outgoing Student Representative Sovreyne Dougherty and presented her with a gift of appreciation. Community Representative Jose Menendez has completed his term. A note of appreciation and a gift will be sent to him.

Presentation of 2007-2008 Proposed Events

Joyce presented the calendar for the coming year which includes Story Fest in January, TLA in April, and a Summer Kickoff with 3 public libraries branches in May. The Kickoff will coincide with Nation Library Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.

Also planned for the coming year is a book fair in October during Friends of Libraries Week. Ed Rawlinson explained that Barnes and Noble, NEF and Friends will conduct the fair with the help of district librarians. Profits from the fair will be equally shared by NEF and Friends. Schools may benefit from the fair through grant applications.

With no other business to conduct, Sovreyne moved that the meeting be adjourned. Faye seconded the motion and by acclamation the meeting ended.

Respectively submitted Sept. 21, 2007

Norma Murphy, Secretary.