



Friends of CCLS – Quarterly Meeting

April 7, 2022 at the Chambers County Library, Anahuac

Those in attendance: Librarians Valerie Jensen & Annie Vass. Board members present: Susanne Bogan, Elaine Byrd, Jean Forrest, & A. Lynette Parsons. Board members absent: Vickey Gaulding & Lena Yopez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:09pm by Forrest.

Parsons gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the 481 account is \$19,567.52 & the 885 account is \$7,041.66. There have been no recent PayPal deposits. A motion to approve the report as read was made by Bogan, with a 2nd by Byrd.

A motion was made by Parsons to approve the previous minutes as written, with a 2nd by Bogan.

New Business –

Bogan gave an update on the bookstore at the Goss Library. From January to March, almost \$300.00 has been earned. It is currently being staffed by one volunteer two days a week. When there are no volunteers, library staff keep the door to the bookstore open with a jar for payment at the circulation desk. Parsons will run a report of those who indicated an interest in volunteering at the bookstore on the membership form. Forrest will receive a list of interested people in Anahuac & Bogan will receive a list of interested people in Mont Belvieu to contact. The goal is to have a volunteer in the bookstore every day the library is open.

Jensen discussed the plans for Barbers Hill ISD to reclaim some of the property initially given for the Goss Library. Jensen emailed the Judge & a Commissioner regarding future expansion & asked about the potential of dissolving the remaining debt owed for FF&E at the Goss Library. Will wait to resume payments until a more definite answer is known.

Parsons made a motion to nominate Bogan for President. Bogan declined the nomination & the motion died for a lack of a 2nd. Filling open positions will be revisited at the next meeting with a full Board present.

Parsons then gave a quick update on the spring raffle, which is ongoing until April 22. Discussion was had about the possibility of doing another raffle, perhaps for a different age group, to coincide with Summer Reading or Nerd Con.

Parsons also gave an update on the Kroger card. The Friends can now be added to Kroger cards as the charity of choice & eight households have done so. From August 2021 to March 2022, \$14.75 has been earned. A check will not be issued until \$25.00 is earned.

Jensen then talked about National Library Week, which celebrates all things library related. Chambers County Library, Anahuac is holding a weeklong event, including sno-cones, a craft, a word search, a coloring contest, a scavenger hunt, & cotton candy, & they involved the local schools. Forrest stated she would like to do something for the staff to thank them & made a motion to purchase Nothing Bundt Cake for staff, not to exceed \$200.00. Byrd seconded.

Jensen also gave an update on HOT Funds. A separate account (21849) was opened to handle marketing expenditures for Nerd Con, such as radio advertisements, flyers, & t-shirts.

Vass gave an update on the upcoming Summer Reading Program. This year will be a carnival theme with in-person programs. Beanstack will be used to track reading online. Jensen & Vass have both submitted grant applications. Grants received to date: \$1,000.00 from Entergy, \$1,000.00 from ExxonMobil, & two \$500.00 gift cards from HEB. Still waiting to hear back from Dollar General, ONEOK, AMDD, & Walmart.

Forrest adjourned the meeting at 5:41pm.

The next meeting will be held on August 4, 2022 at 5:00pm at the Sam & Carmena Goss Memorial Branch, Mont Belvieu.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Vass