



Quarterly Meeting of the Executive Board – Tuesday, November 9, 2021
Sam and Carmena Goss Memorial Branch, Mont Belvieu

Meeting was called to order by County Librarian Valerie Jensen at 5:30pm. Those in attendance: Librarians Valerie Jensen and Annie Vass. Members, A. Lynette Parsons, and Susanne Bogan. Absent: Jean Forrest, Elaine Byrd and Adaire Griffin.

Staff members present: Yolie Belt.

Minutes were read with a motion to approve by Parsons and a 2nd by Bogan.

Treasurer's report

Lynette gave a rundown of the current state of the Friends' account (885). As of 12/30/2020 the balance was \$1687.76. As of 11/7/21 the balance is \$4595.29. The library account (481) had a balance of \$20,410 with grant money and Nerd Con (table dues) encumbered. Parsons congratulated Mont Belvieu on their Battle of the Branches win. She noted there has been 283 renewals since Jan. 1 - \$225 in small business dues, and \$1594 in donations. Parsons then asked that the Treasurer's report be accepted into the notes. Yolie Belt talked about her staff and how they got creative in their mission to win the competition.

New Business

A bookstore report was given by Susanne. She mentioned how well the bookstore does in terms of income without someone working in the store, although it would be nice to have someone at the desk. She mentioned working for a few days in the past week to straighten and go through donations. The group agreed that more volunteers need to be involved. Parsons mentioned the membership forms and members check off if they are interested in working the bookstore, volunteering, being on the board, etc. so that will be looked at and given to Yolie.

Giving Tuesday: Parsons asked if they wanted to participate in Giving Tuesday again. It was not done in 2020 due to Covid. The group agreed to participate and Parsons asked if library staff could send an eblast and link on the website. Valerie and Annie will take care of this and include the PayPal link.

Date for annual meeting – Tentatively set for Feb. 5, 9:30am with the location to be determined. Lynette will create the call to meeting letter that will be mailed out and another eblast will be sent to current members inviting them to the annual meeting.

Jensen mentioned getting names for potential new members. Jensen will contact a couple from Winnie and Anahuac, and Yolie will contact one for Mont Belvieu.

Jensen also mentioned a request from Winnie to purchase a few holiday decorations. It was approved by the group. Yolie asked if the monthly programming money for perishables and last minute purchases would be happening in 2022. Parsons told her to bring to the annual meeting for discussion but did not see it as an issue.

Finally, Jensen mentioned the Kroger community rewards card is now linked to the Friends of CCLS. That will be mentioned in the call to meeting letter along with Amazon Smile.

The meeting adjourned at 6:01pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Jensen