Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library

Annual Meeting

January 18, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Karen Schmalz at 5:45 p.m.

Verify Quorum: Board members present were Karen Schmalz, Linda Quintero, Clare Helminiak, and Janice Weber. Gene Carnicom reported that a 20% quorum was present.

Introduction of Board Members: Karen introduced the current vice-president, Clare Helminiak, the treasurer, Linda Quintero, and the current committee chairperson and acting secretary for the evening, Janice Weber.

Approval of the minutes: The minutes of the annual meeting had been approved at the May 2017 meeting.

Statement of Financial Position/Giving opportunities: The financial report was given by Linda Quintero, preceded by the statement that the official financial report will come from Deviney CPA. When received, it will be posted on the website. Linda went over the Statement of Financial Position which shows our total liabilities and equity of $140,027.53. We have FOL designated funds of $50,000 for the library expansion and $15,000 reserved for an operating reserve. Donor restricted assets include $10,000.00 for the building expansion and $3778.28 for the Butterfly Garden. Linda went over the detailed Statement of Activities and details of the $50,000 the FOL has raised for the expansion. She also presented ways to donate to the Friends of the Library, emphasizing the upcoming $10/bag sale on February 2 and the Big Give Campaign on March 22, 2018.

FOL Accomplishments: Bev Lemes was called forward to receive the check for $50,000 that represented a major accomplishment. With this amount, the FOL will have the naming rights for the new meeting room kitchen in the library expansion—the FOL Kitchen. Karen covered the 2017 accomplishments listed in the evening program and called on various leaders in the room to stand and be acknowledged. The last mentioned accomplishment was reaching a membership of 292 members.

Committee Recognition / Volunteer of the Year: President Karen Schmalz acknowledged and elaborated on the accomplishments of fifteen committee leaders and FOL positions of responsibility who were instrumental in raising money, planning trips, implementing annual programs for the public to attend, and making the Friends of the Library the outstanding organization that it is in every respect. The “Volunteer of the Year” was the person who creatively made themed basket after basket and filled them with items that appealed to a very wide and diverse public. The baskets went to the highest bidder—and brought in money for the FOL for the expansion project. The award went to Tempie Lyons.
**Library Accomplishments:** Bethanie Corder, the Program and Outreach Coordinator for the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library, presented the “What Went on at the Library Last Year” report in Susan Herr’s stead. With the colorful handout and its data on the number of people who used the library, who were served by the Biblio Teckno Trekker, and who volunteer in the library in support of its major programs and fundraisers—everyone could understand the excitement of the library staff, the Foundation, the Boards of Trustees, and the Friends of the Library at the expansion project underway. Bethanie also said that they are grateful that in 2018 many of the programs of the library will continue in the former HEB property in the Beall’s strip mall area.

**Nomination for Open Board Positions and Voting:** Peggy Hamm reported that three individuals were willing to serve on the FOL Board: they are Anne-Marie Kimbell, Susan Shapiro, and Toni-Ann Salberga. Karen Schmalz said that the by-laws specify there be at least five members on the board. In light of all the work that will be done as the library undergoes expansion, Karen moved that all three be selected; the motion was seconded and all three were elected to serve on the board for a three-year term.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned, followed by dinner. There then would be a presentation by Marmon Mok to give information on the current plans for the library expansion.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Weber

Committee Chairperson, acting secretary