

Friends of the Dripping Springs Community Library Board Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2012

Attending: Cara Russell, John Hoag, Bobbie Hentschel, Karen Crowther, Donna Woody and Kim Frederick. Also in attendance was Brian Halbert of *Just Next Door*, invited by Bobbie Hentschel.

Library Director's Report: Cara Russell reported that library staff members are signed up for two-hour shifts to help at the Library booth during Christmas on Mercer Street on December 1. Cara will announce to the staff about signing up to bring goodies for the bake sale, held at the Friends booth during Mercer Street. Cara announced that the library will be closed for Thanksgiving November 22-24, and for inventory November 26-30. The Friends will be decorating the library for Christmas on November 19th. Cara discussed the upcoming Little House on the Prairie program, which will be held on December 8th. The program will include story tellers and crafts, such as spool doll workshops.

Treasurer's Report: Donna reported a current balance of \$9611.07 as of the end of October. She announced that the Friends now have a "deposit only" stamp. Donna said that she has ordered the booties for the Home Tour but they are delayed due to inclement weather.

Membership Report: Donna announced that membership numbers are way up.

Wine Tasting Event Report: John announced the names of the two authors signed up for the Wine tasting Event, Nikki Loftin and Matt Turner. John talked about how the evening will be organized. The authors will be introduced by John, in his role as Master of Ceremony during the event. Nikki Loftin will be introduced, she will discuss her work, then 3 wines will be tasted. Matt Turner will then be introduced, discuss his work, and 3 more wines will be tasted. Six wines in all will be offered at the event. John announced that Leonard Olson of Star of Texas Liquor is selling the wines at a discount for the event. The estimated cost of the event will run about \$1,500, with the underwriters covering the cost. Bobbie offered to see about acquiring a cheese/ cracker/fruit tray. John agreed to meet with Karen afterwards to provide pertinent information for the wine tasting ticket. The board agreed that 100 tickets would be made available, with the underwriters sponsoring the flights each receiving 4 complimentary tickets. Kim offered to sponsor a flight. The official name for the event was decided on as "Flights of Fancy". Other related fundraising ideas to coincide with the event were discussed, such as raffling a nice gift basket from New Canaan Farms or HEB. Bobbie suggested upscaling the basket and offered to approach the Olive Company or Sunset Pottery either for a donation or for purchasing a basket or item. Donna offered to approach New Canaan Farms. John will ask the PODS group (Photographers of Dripping Springs) if they would be willing to come shoot photos during the event. Bobbie mentioned a shortage of glasses at last year's event and emphasized the need for more this year.

Newsletter: John Hoag suggested a publishing date of November 19th for the next newsletter. Items will need to be given to him by November 17th. John stressed the need to make sure the newsletter is posted in a timely fashion. Cara stated that she and Morgan will make sure items are posted. She is planning to train John on how to post online, beginning in January 2013.

Christmas Home Tour: Kim requested clarification on bringing meals to home sponsors the night before the event. Kim offered to deliver the meals for the sponsors. She announced that 15 volunteers are

available to help at the tour. She will assign volunteers to slots as needed. Brian Halbert, guest attendee, offered to help as backup or for posting tour signage. Kim will be putting out directional signs, which will be brought to the library from storage by Donna and Kim. Kim and Donna will rewrite the home blurbs and provide John with the new versions. The tickets must be ready for press by November 19th. Two volunteers have been assigned to help sell tickets at the library the day of the Home Tour. Bobbie offered to pick up the food trays at Thyme and Dough for the Wine Tasting.

Publicity: Bobbie announced that the first ad for the Hill Country Sun did not appear, and the 2nd ad would be submitted today and will come out the week of Thanksgiving. Because the first ad did not get printed, we will only be charged \$250 rather than the original \$500. Bobbie announced that she reserved space in the Wimberley View for mention as a business spotlight, at a cost of \$130. The business spotlight will highlight the purpose of the Friends as well as the Home Tour, etc.

Bake Sale: Kim offered to transport the goodies for the bake sale at Christmas on Mercer Street on December 1. The booth will be set up around 8:30 am. Volunteers will be helping with setup. Donna will prepare the cash box with \$150 to make change for the bake sale at Mercer Street.

New Business: Bobbie announced that the Founder's Day booth space reservation application needs to be submitted by the end of December to guarantee the same spot as last year. The board agreed unanimously to submit the application and Donna agreed to submit it and pay for the space.

Old Business: Donna stated that sponsorships for the Dining Out in Dripping Raffle are going well. At present we have donations from 16 out of 20 local restaurants for the raffle.

Next Meeting: The next planned meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11th at 11:00 A.M. at the library.

Adjourned: 12:40 P.M.