



**CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
LIBRARY BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 - 6:00 PM**

Minutes

**MINUTES OF A FRIENDSWOOD REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 416 S. Friendswood Dr.,
Friendswood, TX,**

STATE OF TEXAS
CITY OF FRIENDSWOOD
COUNTIES OF GALVESTON/HARRIS
MARCH 15, 2022

1. Call to Order

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRIENDSWOOD LIBRARY BOARD THAT WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022, AT FRIENDSWOOD LIBRARY, 416 S. FRIENDSWOOD DRIVE, FRIENDSWOOD, TEXAS, WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESENT CONSTITUTING A QUORUM:

DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY - STAFF LIAISON MATTHEW RILEY
ASSISTANT LIBRARY DIRECTOR KAREN HART
ADMINISTRATIVE LIBRARY ASSISTANT LISA WILKINS
CHAIR DIANE FREEMAN
VICE CHAIR JOBETH BRIZENDINE
BOARD MEMBER BENETTE ROWLEY
BOARD MEMBER BETTY STACY
BOARD MEMBER BRETT STEPHEN
BOARD MEMBER KATHY MOLINARO
BOARD MEMBER MADELINE SHORT
BOARD MEMBER NEETA JAMBHEKAR
BOARD MEMBER SHARON TAIT
COUNCILMEMBER STEVE ROCKEY
FISD LIAISON SHAWNA LEWIS

CCISD LIAISON ARCHON AUZENNE AND COUNCILMEMBER SALLY BRANSON WERE ABSENT FROM THE MEETING.

Diane called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

2. Communications from the Public

There was no communication from the public.

3. Minutes

A. Consider approving the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held on November 16, 2021.

Betty moved to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2021 meeting. Maddie seconded and the minutes were approved.

4. Discussions

A. Receive library director's update on library services, programs, and events.

Matthew gave the Director's report. Maddie gave an update on the Friends. Maddie shared that the membership is going well. Maddie also mentioned that Diane and the Book Nooks are doing well with almost \$3,000 in sales this fiscal year. Maddie mentioned that the Mayor is hosting a reveal of the results of the Gala on Sunday. There was discussion about the Gala and how successful it was.

B. Receive library liaisons update on services, programs, and events.

Shawna shared her experience working in the libraries of Cline Elementary and Friendswood High School. She shared that school libraries have been moving towards maker spaces. Elementary students are now visiting the library once a week for 45 minutes. Maddie asked for a definition of Maker Space and Shawna explained that it entails 3D printing, coding, robotics and other technologies. Shawna is working on making high school library more of a maker space as well.

Brett asked if our library had a designated room for Podcasting and use of our greenscreen. Matt mentioned that we do not have a designated space at this time because we try to keep the rooms multifunctional but we are interested. Matt said he would talk with Dru about it.

Neeta asked if the students were going to the library for research. Shawna said they do and she also teaches them how to access the databases from home. There was discussion about students balancing technology and reading time in the library and in class.

C. Discuss Town Hall event for library long range planning.

Matt mentioned that we are on the last year of our long range plan. He said that the library has been conducting surveys and are planning on doing another large one. Matt wanted to see if it was possible to have a board meeting that would be open to the public where Matt could share the progress the library has made and what the library plans to do in the future, like a Town Hall event but during the regular board meeting. Neeta motioned and Sharon seconded that the board meeting in July would be the Town Hall meeting.

D. Library Gala debrief and discussion.

Matt thanked the library board for everything the members contributed to the Gala. Benette and Steve suggested that the food not be in the lobby as you walk in next time. Many agreed that the food was delicious. Sharon said that the auction could be somewhere else. Matt mentioned that Maddie suggested moving the band closer to the center like we did in 2019. Maddie shared that the dance floor was too intimidating for people. Brett suggested breaking the payments for the live auction items into sections. Steve mentioned that next time we should have a clean-up crew. There was discussion about whether or not we should have the Gala yearly. Matt shared his concerns because of the amount of work on staff. There was discussion about

pros and cons of yearly or bi-annually. Benette and Jo Beth mentioned that it should stay at the library as w Maddie suggested locking down the next date and the theme so that we keep momentum, no matter how lo it will be until the next one. Kathy suggested a gala one year and an online auction on the off year. Betty suggested contacting the Friends members directly to ask for help in planning the next gala. Sharon sugges 18-24 months in between. Sharon also mentioned sponsorship tables for next time.

5. Adjournment

Diane adjourned at 7:15pm.