



FOL Annual Meeting Minutes January 24, 2019

The Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District (BARLD) (FOL) 2019 Annual Meeting was called to order by President Clare Helminiak at 5:40 p.m.

A quorum was verified by Linda Quintero and Gene C. At the time of the meeting, we had 149 paid members, and 52 people attended and voted (34.9%).

Clare Helminiak introduced the 2018 Board and thanked the outgoing members, Sarah Sick and Linda Quintero, for all of their hard work and dedication.

A motion was made by Linda Quintero and seconded by Susan Shapiro to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

President Clare Helminiak discussed the many 2018 FOL accomplishments (list attached) including 2670 volunteer hours and a check presentation to the BARLD of \$100,000 in donations to the library expansion.

Treasurer Linda Quintero provided the Executive Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Activities for the year. Our total net assets for the year are \$68,292.79. She explained that our inventory decreased considerably to \$2692.30 when we closed the Book Nook in November and gave away many books that had been on the shelves for years. Linda said that Deviney CPA is working on our 4th quarter statement and once received will be posted on the website. That is our official Statement of Financial positions. She also discussed FOL Giving Opportunities. (Statements and List of Giving Opportunities attached.)

President Clare Helminiak discussed and explained the proposed changes in the By-Laws, which had been posted and e-mailed to members for consideration. She also introduced the candidates and read the bios for the two nominations for the open board positions (Deborah Halsted and Suzanne Kratz, bios attached). There were no additional nominations from the floor. Vote was taken by paper ballot, which was counted and verified by Donna Harris and Peggy Hamm. The proposed changes to by-laws and nominations for both candidates passed unanimously.

Clare Helminiak then announced the Volunteer of the Year, Maria Keller, who received a plaque and a gift card for her 554 hours of service, dedication and commitment to the FOL Book Nook. She led the Book Nook team in closing the Book Nook and relocating all our inventory.

Secretary Anne-Marie Kimbell presented President Clare Helminiak with a gift from the rest of the board for service this year, including her willingness to step into the Presidency role when Toni-Ann Salberta moved out of the area mid-year.

Dinner was served, and then BARLD President Bev Lemes thanked the FOL for all they contribute to the library. Bev updated us on the construction progress; at this time, the contractor is still on track to be finished by June. The Library staff have been troopers putting up with the construction and all the daily changes and noise. Trustee meetings are 3rd Monday of the month; open meeting, so all are invited. Grand opening planned for Sept 28.

Susan Herr, Library Director then presented Linda Quintero with a gift from the library staff for all the work she has done for the library over the years she has been involved. Susan then gave a presentation on the expansion. Susan pointed out where on the website we can find out about Expansion updates and the drone tours online. Hoping to have annex programs moved back to library by end of May. Contractor hopes to have punch list completed by mid-June. Newly expanded/Renovated library to be open Mid-June, with official grand opening planned for Sept. 28. Donor wall will have plaques for those who have donated \$1000 or more. A brick campaign has begun already; order form can be found on the website under "support us." Bricks will go in Butterfly garden; veterans' bricks will be replaced around the veterans' memorial. Question asked about current library card holder count (active 7,800; about 14,000 total), about 62,000 items in the current collection, which will be larger after expansion is complete.

Nancee Vincent, FOL historian, brought the scrap book from 2018 and also asked that people send her pictures to be used for the 2019 book.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by Clare.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne-Marie Kimbell
FOL Secretary

Approved:

FOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2018

- Worked 2670 volunteer hours
- Hosted public events for Great Decisions
- Hosted bus trips to the Holocaust Museum, Toyota Plant, San Antonio Botanical Garden, “All is Calm” play, and Holiday Pops
- Hosted library staff appreciation luncheon
- Hosted Oktoberfest for FOL members
- Operated the Book Nook and Book Nook Lite earning \$15,451.59 from books, with an all-sales total of \$17,009.88
- Conducted planning for the design and planting of the new Butterfly Garden
- Received \$3000 for Annex utilities costs from Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation and \$5000 from the H-E-B Tournament of Champions for the Summer Reading Program
- Supported multiple library programs by providing/serving refreshments
- Held a successful S.T.A.G.E fundraiser, a Louise Penny movie with heavy hors d’oeuvres fundraiser, and an Andrew Carroll Author Event
- Successfully participated in the area-wide Big Give
- Became members of the Bulverde Spring Branch Chamber of Commerce and had a ribbon cutting event
- Managed the FOL name change to the Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District (FOL)
- Conducted an Internal Audit Committee and undertook appropriate actions
- Updated all Policies and Standing Rules
- Donated an additional \$50,000 for a total of \$100,000 to the library expansion

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT THE FRIENDS OF THE BULVERDE AREA RURAL LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE LIBRARY EXPANSION

- Donate by cash or check directly to the FOL
- Make a tax-free donation of your **IRA Required Minimum Distribution** directly from your account to the Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District
- Check to see if your corporation will match funds for volunteer hours and/or donations
- Join **Igive.com**, select the Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District as your cause, and online shop with almost 1800 stores.
- Shop at **smile.amazon.com** and select Friends of the Bulverde Area Rural Library District (may still be listed as Friends of the Bulverde/Spring Branch Library). Amazon gives 0.5% of eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the FOL.
- Participate in the **Big Give, Mar 28**. Donate online or come to the library to provide your donation. Have coffee and cookies.