

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**  
**Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table**  
**TLA LiFTA Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 02, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

Present:

Denise Wallace, Chair  
Sharon Amastae, Immediate Past Chair  
Michelle Slonaker, Councilor  
Roosevelt Weeks, Executive Board Liaison  
Julie Ousley, Conference Program Committee

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm by Chair Denise Wallace who reviewed the agenda.

Minutes from the August 10, 2023, Business Meeting will be approved at a future meeting due to possible lack of quorum.

Chair Denise Wallace reviewed the 2024 budget and reported there is a current balance of \$24,355 from the most current August 2023 statement available on the TLA LiFTA Google Drive.

Executive Board Liaison Roosevelt Weeks reminded everyone to register and book lodging for the upcoming 2024 Conference in San Antonio.

Denise reported on the progress of the Opening Author Luncheon to be hosted in the Convention Center. Julie Marshall, TLA Director of Education, will update LiFTA on progress of author selections. Individual ticket prices for luncheon will be set at \$65. Registration for TLA ticketed events should open soon. LiFTA will sponsor four conference programs including our submitted program "Say Yes to Success".

Denise also gave an update from the Texas Library and Archive Foundation (TXLAF) board meeting that the State Library building will be open for tours during Texas Book Festival 2023.

Immediate Past Chair Sharon Amastae provided an overview of the LiFTA Stipend now available for submissions September 2023 through March 01, 2024. Sharon will reach out to the TLA web administrator for an update on how applications are received. A link to the stipend application has been added to the LiFTA webpage.

Sharon also reported the Rags to Riches program was not approved for TLA Conference 2024.

Councilor Michelle Slonaker was unable to attend the October Council meeting; Sharon was able to attend and reported the 2024 budget was approved.

Michelle announced SCLRT is tentatively scheduling a social event at the Alamo during TLA Conference 2024 and will recognize an Advocate of the Year.

Denise will send Doodle Poll to set next Business Meeting in January or February 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm with a drawing for door prizes.

Respectfully submitted: Denise Wallace, acting Secretary

Denise Wallace, Chair