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LiFTA - Library Friends Trustees and Advocates Round Table
Texas Library Association ANNUAL CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Attendees:
Michelle Slonaker, Chair
Sharon Amastae, Chair-Elect
Kathy Hillman, Past Chair
Denise Wallace, Secretary
Willie Braudaway, Councilor
Billy Cryer, Alternate Councilor
Morgan Blackburn, Program Committee Liaison
Patrick Wear, Library Advocate and Volunteer

1. Welcome and Introductions – Chair, Michelle Slonaker
   Meeting called to order at 12:31PM

2. Approval of Minutes – TLA 2021 Annual Assembly - Sec/Treas. Denise Wallace
   Kathy Hillman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Billy
   Cryer. Motion passed unanimously (through “show of hands” in chat window).

3. Budget and Financial –Denise Wallace
   Denise reported on finances as of January 2022 with an ending balance of $20,401.14. Michelle and
   Denise will reach out to Shirley before LiFTA’s Annual Assembly meeting for any financial updates
   and provide a more detailed report.

4. Reports
   • Executive Board Liaison – Roosevelt Weeks
     NA
   • Councilor - Willie Braudaway (Alt. Councilor Barbara Cordray)
     Willie provided an update on honorary ceremonies (i.e., retirement of State Librarian Mark
     Smith). There is a recommendation to the Executive Board to raise membership dues 5% for
     incomes over $40,000. Council 1 meets Mondays 4PM; Council 2 meets Thursdays 2:15PM.
   • LiFTA Liaison, TLA Conference Program Committee – Morgan Blackburn
     Morgan will confirm if each session needs a moderator and a convener. She reminded us of
     COVID protocols, and Michelle indicated she would send an email update to all of us. There is
     some concern with registrants, regarding privacy, with providing proof of vaccination
     protocols.
   • Past Chair – Kathy Hillman
     To-date reservations for luncheon are lower than expected. Continue to promote!
   • Nominating Committee - Gretchen Pruett & Kathy Hillman
     • Member vote – Kathy presented a slate of nominees for LiFTA office.
       With no contested position, the 2022-23 LiFTA officers are as follows:
Sharon Amastae – Chair; Denise Wallace – Chair-Elect; Michelle Slonaker – Past-Chair; Kathy Hillman – Secretary/Treasurer; Willie Braudaway – Councilor; Billy Cryer – Alt. Councilor

- Conference Programs – Michelle Slonaker, Kathy Hillman
  - Tuesday, April 26th at 10 am - Telehealth & Libraries: Opportunities & Challenges
    Dianne Connery, Pottsboro Public Library
  - Tuesday, April 26th at 12:15 pm - Opening Awards & Author Session
    Authors: Sonia Manzano and Neal Spelce (to-date no signings scheduled as books are not out yet). Kathy will send out script template for everyone to follow.
  - Wednesday, April 27 at 10 am - Lessons Learned: Planning for the Future
    Michele Bischoffberger, Laura Dyer, Kimberly Gay, Alexia Riggs, Roosevelt Weeks
  - Wednesday, April 27 at 1:30 pm - Reinvigorating, Retaining and Recruiting Library Supporters
    Shelda Dean, Julie Ousley, Julie Houghton, Roosevelt Weeks

5. Other Business

- TLA Conference Stipend
  Kathy Hillman made a motion that the chair will appoint a committee to consider a recommendation to consider conference stipends and to review any necessary qualifications required to serve on LIFTA. Motion seconded by Wilie Braudaway. Motion passed unanimously (through “show of hands” in chat window).

6. Adjourn 1:48PM