

MINUTES
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 Pruet & 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, Pottsville 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 Willie Braudaway. Motion **passed** unanimously (through “show of hands” in chat window).

6. Adjourn 1:48PM