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LiFTA - Library Friends Trustees, and Advocates Round Table  
Texas Library Association Annual Assembly  
Virtual ZOOM Meeting  
June 26, 2020

Present:

Willie Braudaway, Luncheon Chair and Councilor; Barbara Cordray, Alternate Councilor; Michelle Cruz, TLA Conference and Events Specialist; Sandra Foreman; Deborah Halstead; Kathy Hillman, Chair; Judith Hiott, Program Committee Liaison; Phyllis Macmillan, Webmaster; Peace Ossom-Williamson, Executive Board Liaison; Julie Ousley; Michelle Slonaker, Chair-Elect; Darryl Tocker; Denise Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

Chair Kathy Hillman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

After asking for corrections or additions to the minutes and hearing none, the Chair declared the minutes from July 9, 2019, TLA Annual Assembly APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

The Treasurer's Budget Report was presented with an anticipated ending balance of \$15,697, enabling LiFTA to donate \$200 to each of the following three funds: Legislative Fund, Tall Texans Stipend, Pat Smith Endowment for Excellence.

Barbara Cordray moved to approve the budget, Willie Braudaway seconded, and the motion passed without dissent.

Peace Ossom-Williamson, Executive Board Liaison, provided an update during which she stated:

- TLA stands against Racism and Violence and encourages conversations around Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion.
- The TLA budget will be presented at the TLA Council meetings next week.
- Annual Assembly is open for registration – Council II will be held on July 9 and is open to all members.
- TLA Talks were created in response to libraries opening during COVID-19.
- Fall District Meetings –Fall 2020 meetings must be hosted virtually; TLA will assist in any way.
- TLA launched its first ever TLA 2020 Virtual Summer of Learning.

She noted that she will advocate in favor of LiFTA's desire to change TLA's fiscal year to the calendar year to facilitate budgeting and smoother program submissions.

Willie Braudaway stated there were no updates for the Councilor report.

Judith Hiott shared the TOOLS and TLA OFFICER RESOURCES links on the TLA website. She asked the group to familiarize themselves with TLA 2021 GOALS and TLA PROGRAM PLANNING and SUBMISSION FORMS. The Chair pledged to submit LiFTA programs by the July 15 deadline.

Nominating Committee Chair Gretchen Pruet was not available to provide an update on the Committee's membership.

Michelle Slonaker, Chair Elect, discussed how impressed she had been with units willing to co-sponsor LiFTA programs and stated she looked forward to 2021 Annual Conference.

Conference Programs – Kathy Hillman shared spreadsheet of programs, co-sponsors, and amounts for LiFTA programs.

- Opening Author and Awards Session – Chair Willie Braudaway indicated she will forward author recommendations for group vote and select two authors. She noted that the awards presentation must also fit within the tight timeframe.
- Small Talk is a Big Deal Panel Discussion with past TLA Presidents
- Rags to Riches – Julie Ousley provided an overview of recycling books for Fun, Fashion and Furniture with a focus on holidays. The groups discussed considering a LiFTA Booth and/or TLA Store to sell items at future conferences/events.
- Building Empowering Partnerships – Past Chair Gretchen Pruett will moderate a panel of public and academic librarians and partner friends, trustees, or advocates from their libraries.
- LiFTA Round Table Business Meeting will preferably be scheduled prior to the luncheon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

Denise Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kathy Hillman, Chair