

**MINUTES**  
**Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table**  
**TLA LiFTA Membership Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 10, 2023 – 3:30 p.m. CDT**  
**Zoom**

Present: Sharon Amastae, Mary Cardenas, Melissa Chalmer, Billy Cryer, Kathy Hillman, Andrea Pender, Pat Porter, Denise Wallace, and Roosevelt Weeks

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 pm by Chair Denise Wallace who welcomed those in attendance and asked each to give their names, library affiliation, and position.

Sharon Amastae moved to approve the minutes of the June 1, 2023, LiFTA business meeting. Mary Cardenas seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Hillman shared her screen so participants could view the budget and financial reports. She indicated that conference expenses had been less than anticipated and that the round table has a healthy balance of \$24,551 which is about \$1,300.00 more than anticipated and enough to support a conference stipend.

Executive Board Liaison Roosevelt Weeks reported on the Officer Governance Training and Workshop (OGTW). He urged booking hotel rooms for the TLA Annual Conference as soon as possible since they are going quickly, and San Antonio is a very popular venue.

Chair Denise Wallace added additional information from OGTW. She stated that the office is considering adding member numbers to individual profiles on TLA Engage. She provided a legislative update primarily on HB900 relating to the regulation of library materials sold to or included in public school libraries. She noted that most other legislation didn't pass, but HB900 goes into effect September 1, 2023. She explained that the Texas State Library and Archives Commission is working many hours to develop collection policies and other documentation.

Councilor Billy Cryer indicated that he had planned to attend OGTW and thus TLA Council meetings, but flight problems prevented him from getting to Austin, so Denise Wallace attended Council in his place.

The Chair displayed the unit membership growth roadmap and asked for input, pointing out that the completed form was due by August 18.

In reviewing 2024 conference programs, Kathy Hillman stated that the program she submitted, "Say Yes for Success," had been accepted. Sharon Amastae expressed her disappointment that Julie Ousley's reworked "Rags to Riches" program had not been. The group agreed by common consent to empower Sharon to discuss the possibility of recommending it as a special program to Julie Ousley and Gretchen Pruett.

**TLA's 3 Strategic Priorities:**

*Communicate the Value of Libraries    Lead a Learning Culture    Cultivate a Thriving Organization*

Past Chair Sharon Amastae presented information gathered from units that give TLA Annual Conference Stipends. After extensive discussion, Kathy Hillman moved that the unit begin with one LiFTA Annual Conference Stipend, and that it:

1. Be awarded to a lay person,
2. Not exceed \$600 which would include conference registration, joining TLA as an Associate member (currently \$42) and purchasing a ticket and attending the LiFTA-sponsored Opening Author Session.

Billy Cryer seconded, and the motion passed without dissent.

Denise Wallace acknowledged the need to post resources for library support groups on the LiFTA web page but that said she would hold that agenda item until the next meeting. She confirmed that she would send a doodle poll to assist in setting the date.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm with a drawing for door prizes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman, Secretary-Treasure