

**MINUTES**  
**Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table**  
**TLA LiFTA Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

Present: Denise Wallace (chair), Billy Cryer (chair-elect), Sharon Amastae (past chair), Kathy Hillman (secretary-treasurer), Michelle Slonaker (councilor), Mary Cardenas (appointed alternate councilor at the meeting), Julie Ousley

Chair Denise Wallace called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm.

Julie Ousley moved that the minutes of the LiFTA Business Meetings on August 10, 2023, and November 2, 2023, be approved as submitted. Sharon Amastae seconded, and the motion passed without dissent.

Secretary/Treasurer Kathy Hillman gave the budget report, noting that the 2023 financial reports had not been finalized. However, the end-of-year balance appears to be \$24,355. although an overview of the 2024 budget prepared by TLA shows only profit and loss and doesn't carry forward the end-of-year balance. Currently, that overview projects a 2024 end-of-year balance with expenses over revenues for a net loss of \$2,257.70.

The Chair reported that she met with TLA staff member Julie Marshall in December concerning the TLA Opening Author and Awards Session and that Meg Medina had signed her contract and Lisa Wingate's was in progress. She noted the possibility of adding children's illustrator Loren Long of the Otis series to the speakers. Centerpieces and potential interviewers were also discussed.

Denise Wallace indicated that LiFTA is co-sponsoring the suggested programs although one is immediately prior to the luncheon, so the Round Table may not be represented at the program. Discussion followed as to the possibility of a LiFTA presence with the Tocker Booth in the exhibit hall. She or Michelle Slonaker will follow-up. In regard to the LiFTA conference stipend, five applications have been received with a March 1 deadline.

In reporting on TXLAF and TSLAC, Chair Wallace announced that TSLAC is considering not renewing ALA membership. Additionally, for first time, the Texas State Library was open and hosted sessions of the Texas Book Festival

Councilor Michelle Slonaker reported that the last TLA Council Meeting was held on October 31, 2023. Since the Round Table currently has no Alternate Councilor, Chair Denise Wallace, with the approval of the Executive Committee, appointed Mary Cardenas to the position.

Discussion followed concerning the LiFTA website and the need to review content and consider adding resources especially for friends groups. Attendees agreed to make suggestions.

The next LiFTA business meeting will be held on Zoom prior to the TLA Annual Conference. Chair Wallace will prepare a poll to determine the best date and time.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Hillman, Secretary-Treasurer

Denise Wallace, Chair