

## MINUTES

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### Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates Round Table TLA LiFTA Business Meeting Tuesday, June 4, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. Zoom

Present: Sharon Amastae, Mary Cardenas, Billy Cryer, Kathy Hillman, Julie Marshall (TLA), Bea Saba (Executive Board), Michelle Slonaker, and Denise Wallace

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Past Chair Denise Wallace.

Wallace welcomed participants and introduced LiFTA's 2024-25 officers:

- Billy Cryer, Chair
- Mary Cardenas, Chair-Elect
- Kathy Hillman, Secretary-Treasurer
- Michelle Slonaker, Councilor
- Sharon Amastae, Alternate Councilor
- Denise Wallace, Past Chair and Webmaster

Sharon Amastae moved, and Mary Cardenas seconded that the minutes of the April 3, 2024, TLA LiFTA Membership Meeting be approved as submitted. The motion passed without dissent.

Secretary-Treasurer Kathy Hillman reviewed the 2024 budget and latest budget vs. actual report dated March 31, 2024, that includes revenue and expenditures and shows a carry-over balance of \$24,491.86 from 2023. She indicated that expenses from the 2024 Annual Conference would be included on the quarterly report dated June 30.

Executive Board member Bea Saba substituted for LiFTA Executive Board Liaison Israel Favela in providing an update. She announced the Board is developing three task forces that will be open to membership: Member Support, Member Engagement, and Association Finances and Sustainability. Saba noted that TLA would be one of the beneficiaries of HEB check-out donations during the following month. She indicated that district meeting planning had begun, and that guidelines and programming information were available. She encouraged registration for Officer Governance and Training Workshop July 10-12 in Austin, which Cardenas, Cryer, and Wallace plan to attend. Saba reminded those present that TLA Annual Conference program proposals are open but close on June 28 with the theme "Library Renaissance Our Quest for Renewal."

TLA staff member Julie Marshall explained the program selection process and that of the approximately 500 proposals submitted in for 2024, 350 presentations, including legacy programs, were accepted. Feedback indicated that additional programs to meet the needs of special libraries should be a priority.

Marshall commended LiFTA for a very successful Opening Author Session, noting that all in attendance received books and that feedback had been positive about using three authors—children's, young adult, and adult—and that the cozy venue encouraged

conversation and engaging authors helped make the event outstanding. She discussed the possibility of the 2025 luncheon being either at the Dallas Convention Center or the Omni and the advantages and disadvantages of both. She issued a reminder that the 2025 and 2026 conferences are two weeks earlier than normal, so planning and deadlines will be moved forward on the calendar accordingly.

Wallace reported on the LiFTA conference stipend recipients. She noted that Diane Moster had submitted a written report but that neither she nor Donna Oestrick could be present at today's meeting. A written report will be requested from Oestrick, and with their permissions, both reports will be uploaded to the LiFTA webpage. Cryer discussed establishing a 2025 Stipend Committee to include the Past Chair, Diane Moster, another member, and himself as ex officio. The decision was made to require written reports by recipients in future since 2024 recipients were only required to make a report.

The group discussed possible LiFTA promoted 2025 Conference programs, including:

- Collaborating in a variety of ways with a variety of library types and other partners
- Friends, including starting, organizing, sustaining, etc.
- Governing boards, including what trustees and board members need to know in order to be successful (might also include Friends leadership)
- How to plan, organize, create, execute, and achieve a successful panel or other community engagement program or event
- Rags to Riches Recycling Books for Fun and Profit

Further discussion included who might be involved in planning and how that might be accomplished given the relatively short timeline.

Councilor Michelle Slonaker reported on 2024 Annual Conference Council meetings, noting that there was an election for a new Member-at-Large, that bylaws changes which were mostly updates to language and current practice passed, that the Government Documents Round Table was officially dissolved, and that the dues structure proposal passed and now will go to membership for a vote.

Wallace gave a Texas Library and Archives Foundation/Texas State Library and Archives Commission update and reported that she introduced Chair Cryer at the last meeting.

Bea Saba announced that Disaster Relief applications are open. Cryer stated he would send out a doodle poll and set the next meeting, likely in early September.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hillman, Secretary-Treasurer