

## **WHLAG Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

Westover Hills Library

**Attending:** Clay Dishon, Laura Dysart; Jerry Ann Hand, Bill Korzun, Reeves McClure, Clara Parham, Carol Parke, Steve Smith, Debbie Thompson, Kathleen Van Paasschen. Debbie Thompson distributed the meeting agenda and opened the meeting at 9:05.

As **Minutes of the December meeting** were not yet available, Debbie summarized the following December items: critique (positive) of our December reopening event, issues related to the *Secretariat's Meadow* talk later this month, and the date that author Michele Young-Stone will speak (now set for Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m.). Debbie reviewed preliminary task assignments for Winterfest (Saturday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m. to noon), and distributed samples of a flyer to be distributed to TaZa, Crossroads Coffee, Tot Lot, etc.

**Treasurer's Report.** Bill Korzun distributed the December Report, noting that he had found and fixed the discrepancy he described last month. He highlighted contributions totaling \$210.00 toward the \$369.44 cost of the framed print, approved by WHLAG in honor of Maxine Rogers.

**Winterfest, Jan. 22, 10:00 a.m. noon.** (Debbie asked the group to think of ideas for a future fund-raiser before reviewing specific task assignments and logistics for Winterfest.) Board members should be at the library between 9:00 and 9:15 a.m. to help with setup, planning for 200 guests, especially given that the Belmont Branch is closed.

Assignments:

- 200 small water bottles – Reeves McClure (give receipts to Bill for reimbursement).
- Cookies – Peg Mallen (2 doz.), Carol Parke (2 doz.), Debbie (3 doz.), Clara Parham (1 doz.), Animal crackers - Reeves McClure (2 packages)
- 200 napkins – Kathleen Van Paasschen
- Crafts – Jerry Ann Hand: sticker bookmarks with ribbons; a mitten cutout; tattoos (snowman, etc.). Volunteers helping at craft tables: Debby, Kathleen, Bill, Steve Smith, Scott Flaherty, Ruth Jones.
- Sign over the raffle box – Jerry
- Forms for drawing –
- Box for drawing – Clara Parham
- Recycling bin for water bottles –
- Prizes – Laura Dysart will contribute two books (*Science of Snow* and *Snowman at Night*). Others may bring winter-themed books.

Logistics and locations:

- The “Balloon Lady,” Barbara Feldman, will arrive at 10:30 a.m. Debbie has sent her a reminder.
- Three tables will be needed, one each for the drawing sign-up, cookies/snacks, and water.
- Food/drink will be in the meeting room (crowd control issues?)
- Crafts will take place on the four “reading area” tables (no glue!).
- Birds will be in the hallway. Because of limited space Debbie will ask “the Bird Lady,” Shirley Tellefson, to bring only 4-5 cages this year. WHLAG will give Shirley a \$50 gift card to PetSmart.
- Raffle participants will fill out a form this year and will not need to be present for the drawing (crowding issues if everyone waits until the end.)

**Yuri's Night.** WHLAG approved a change of date from Tuesday, April 12 to Saturday night, April 9.

- Clay Dishon will obtain any necessary RPL approvals to stay open longer than usual.
- Laura Dysart will be in charge of the program.
- Steve Smith (who will be out of the country that day) will invite the Richmond Astronomical Society.
- Debbie will get RAS contact information from Doug D'Urso.
- There is a scheduled speaker on April 11 but Clay does not expect it to conflict with Yuri's Night.

**Librarian's Report.** Clay thanked WHLAG members for their support in the past twelve months, noting that things were going well in the renovated space. He described, and WHLAG discussed, a few renovation issues, including bulletin boards still to come, insulation in some walls, and clocks (he is talking with the space designer) and staff spaces. The quote for venetian blinds for the staff areas (for privacy), which WHLAG discussed at an earlier meeting (five areas), comes to \$1,055. In other comments, Clay noted the following:

- *Secretariat's Meadow*: The book's co-author Leanne Ladin, will speak about the book at WHL on January 19 at 7:00 p.m. Information will be available neighborhood websites, and there will also be a press release. Leanne will accept a \$75 honorarium, and will sell and autograph copies of the book (Clay will see if credit cards can be used to purchase books). Ms. Ladin is also scheduled to speak at the Main Library in February. The release date for the DVD is January 25; Clay plans to schedule it into the Library's film series. (Once it is scheduled, Laura, Jerry, and Carol will provide brownies or other small snacks.) Bottled water will also be provided. Clay described the Library's Saturday family film events as successful. He noted that with Carol Tucker now at the Library full time the branch may be able to schedule films once a month on the Saturdays she is working.
- In response to a question about the staff area, Clay conceded that one wall had not been insulated, as the rest of the building had been, and that it seemed cold to the staff, both in temperature and in other respects. WHLAG briefly discussed issues and possible contributions.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

**Next meeting: Saturday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m.**

Carol Parke  
Secretary