

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. By Board President Debbie Wood. Others in attendance include Teresa McClure, Deb Heady, Brandy Jester, Josh Sanders, Librarians Chris Bannon, Jennifer Rosson, and Pam VanShchijndel, Can-Kan Dreambuilder's Joan Gordon and Joyce McDaniel, & SEKLS's Kim Rutter.

Minutes: Josh made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Deb 2nd. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We have a balance of \$27,357.87.

The Balance Sheets were signed by all board members.

Dreambuilder's Report: Members of the board would like to take a minute to thank the Can-Kan Dreambuilders for \$6,000 for the contractors to concrete the parking lot entrance. Marilyn Nelson donated an area rug and a toaster oven to the library. Ranetta Falser donated 2 computer monitors.

Joan appreciated the e-mails about this meeting. Opening ceremony agenda to include: welcoming invitations, whistle brigade, trumpet solo, flag ceremony & salute, ceremonial key given to city hall, a moment of prayer, boy scouts ceremony, and refreshments. Can-Kan would greatly like to have this opening ceremony now instead of the 125 year grand anniversary ceremony in the next year.

After a short discussion, we presented a list of items that need to be addressed before an opening ceremony could be considered. Grass and top soil are needed instead of dirt and mud in which Hoffer & Hoffer will seed at the end of March-early April, the tree stump removed on the south side of the building to finish the parking lot, due to the dirt we can't have the windows cleaned until the parking lot is complete, where will people park without a parking lot?, the entry way needs a leak fixed, some automatic electric light switches do not work properly, the semi trailer box that is still on the street west of the building needs removed, the city has to fix the issues with the water main before we are able to paint the handicap access areas, the mural in the children's section has not been finished yet, we still do not have a flag pole for a flag ceremony, construction debris is everywhere, & we haven't yet gotten any window dressings.

This building is a wonderful gift for the community, but we have too many issues at this time to have an open house ceremony. At this time, the dedication needs to be pushed back until most, if not all of these problems are fixed within the next couple of months. We will review the issues again in March and see if April would be a good time to have the opening.

Librarian's Report: We have had 1,200 people in the new library in the last 2 weeks. We were closed for 6 days at the old building, for moving to the new building. The Book Fair will be from March 23rd to April 4th. Movie day showing the Peanuts Movie, Spring Break, & Planting Shamrocks for all ages will be in March. We will have an auditor in at the end of March. The accounts with Bank of America needs removed from the paperwork. The balance sheets & performance sheets are the only reports needed in the packet. We received an e-mail from Cox Communications to inform us that they will be giving us the \$500 grant for Summer Reading. Other grant letters will be sent out next week. We received more for state aid and allocations than expected. The budget was set for \$300, and we received \$600. The window washer came in and gave us a new quote for the inside and outside of the windows every other week for \$35. A window washer and squeegee can be purchased cheaper than 2-4 week charge. The ladies staff bathroom will be torn out and fixed. The new sign will say Caney City Library instead of Caney Public Library.

New Business: Wind has been blowing dirt and dust through the book drop. It has been stuffed and covered to prevent this for the time being. It will need a down cover when the back entrances are usable. New board member questions/training for the interview process of new applicants. We will be needing 2 or 3 questions and training options. We will need the board members to help with cleaning/janitorial for the new building. Times should be Saturdays after closing at 2. Board members need trained on book check in/out process and restocking. We will need a plan for landscaping. The neighbor to the south has caused some issues, so now we will need to install a privacy screen/shrub/fence approximately 5-6 foot tall. Tina Kelly has volunteered to donate a plant. The Garden Club of Caney has agreed to purchase some trees & perennials for the new building. The library does own the old parking lot. The deed was found in the safety deposit box at the bank. Since the city has agreed to blacktop and maintain the parking lot at the new building, we will donate the old parking lot to the city.

Deb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Josh 2nd the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

The next meeting will be Tuesday March 22nd, 2016.