

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Board meeting May 12, 2026

Attending: Regina Barrera, Jill Morgan, Laura Pratt, Larry Hanson, Jeanne Balkman, Phyllis Porter, Angela Rowe, Natalie McAdams, Pari Sandage, Kaye Hewitt, Beth Clark, Martha Moore

Absent: Jan Rudniki

Guests: Jaime Watson, Isabella, Peyton and Chuck Kaufman (Texas State)

Minutes: In reference to our April 13, 2026 meeting minutes, Jeanne Balkman made a motion that we accept last month's minutes, and Jill Morgan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Pari Sandage copies of the current financial report (a copy of which is attached). She reviewed several negative numbers reference a book sale refund, a credit for some merchandise, and a refund to a Board member. There were no questions about the report.

Piano Repair – The library owns a 1907 O. Steinway piano (donated previously) which is currently in use weekly by students from Texas State, persons from the community who use it to practice, and teachers of students in the community for recitals, etc. Jaime Watson from Watson Piano Works in San Marcos presented a video showing various damages and repairs needed to the piano (moving and general usage), including to the sound board, keys, casings, and other mechanical and cosmetic issues. The Board members were able to ask questions about the condition, the value, and cost and length of repairs. The repairs will be expensive (\$40,000-\$50,000) and we are considering a community outreach fundraiser (Phyllis Porter idea...thanks!) for Piano Repairs. At our next Board meeting we will be voting on exact numbers and more details to have the piano repaired.

Marketing:

Several students (Isabella and Peyton) from the Texas State Bobcat promotion club presented mock ups of a new brochure, including new colors, font, and a proposed logo. The information used was from previous meetings with Jill Morgan and Jeanne Balkman (Marketing Committee).

The Board agreed that several members would stay after the meeting to "fine tune" and put together ideas on the brochure to get back with Texas State. We are not being charged for the artwork as this is a project of their marketing group (Chuck Kauman is their advisory Professor).

Regina Barrera discussed our Social Media presence which is very active. She reports we have 200-300 persons commenting on each post. She will be out of town this summer but asks members to email her items she can post under "Did you know?".

Nominating Committee:

Angela Rowe reported that all officers and committee members have been contacted and have agreed to continue in their respective offices for the next term. There will be a vote to elect officers at our General Meeting in June. There are currently no open positions.

ByLaw Changes:

The Board reviewed and discussed ByLaw changes that Laura Pratt had previously sent. The changes are attached to these minutes and will be presented at the General Meeting.

Jeanne made a motion to approve the changes and Angela Rowe seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Earth Day:

Angela Rowe reported that the event was partially rained out. Angela and Regina mentioned that we need a banner and some obvious signage for any future event that we do. We all agreed and will revisit when we have our logo and colors etc. finalized.

Tee Shirt Designs:

We have a \$500 grant to have a distinct graphic designed for tee shirts for special events. This may not be the "permanent" tee available that FOL uses and sells on a frequent basis. Pari will talk with someone at the Price Center to determine how we go about getting an artist (perhaps contest) to offer a design.

Little Library:

Jan Rudniki has agreed to repair, paint and stock the library we own that is located on Hutchinson Street at the pocket park (next to State Farm Insurance).

The Annual General Meeting is June 11, 2026 and the next Board Meeting is June 8, 2026. Jill Morgan made a motion to adjourn and Pari Sandage seconded the motion. All approved, we are adjourned at 5:45 pm.