FRIENDS OF THE SAN MARCOS LIBRARY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

San Marcos, Texas

Minutes of the Meeting June 11, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Laura Pratt, President of the FOL opened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. A quorum was determined (members of the Board present).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pari Sandage presented fiscal year to date financial report, including current balances and outstanding expenses. There were no questions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Laura Pratt outlined accomplishments of the Board since the last General Meeting, including but not limited to: expansion of the Board members from 4 to 12 (adding At Large members), finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of San Marcos, Texas, website building and updated social media, attendance at outreach events, collaboration with Bobcat Productions, clarification of procedures and revision of By Laws, addition of Sneak Peek event for members at book sales, and members hosting three large book sales and monthly mini book sales.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Natalie McAdams reviewed programs from the last fiscal year (October to September) of the library. Some highlights include: 47,000-50,000 people participated in over 2000 programs funded by FOL, over 330,000 items checked out with digital circulation of 132,000 items. Over 5,000 new library cards were issued with a 219,000 count of persons entering and using the facility. The library had many notable kids programs as well as family and child-oriented programs with helpful funding from FOL. Adult and teen programs were popular, including job fairs and even fencing, a piano recital and the SMART orchestra! Currently the library is busy with staff training, assessing inventory, the Summer Reading Program for Kids, updating technology and participating in programs from the Texas Library Association.

Long range goals and wish lists for the library include funding for self-checkout, addition of an early childhood librarian and a marketing focused library assistant.

Natalie presented a Wishlist Funding Request to FOL totaling $37,850 (a copy is attached to the minutes) for 2027, which is less than the previous funding. (The previous year included a refurbishment of the bench in the front of the building for $16K which is completed.) Questions were answered to the members' satisfaction and a vote on this funding was taken later in the meeting.

SPECIAL FUNDING REQUEST

Laura Pratt discussed in detail the funding request for $36,000 to refurbish and repairs the 1907 Steinway piano gifted to the library in 1977. There were questions and concerns which were addressed and the piano was brought out so members could see the instrument. The piano will be repaired sometime next year and we anticipate renting a piano to serve the public in the interim. A fund raiser will be held to recoup some or all of the cost.

FUNDING VOTES

Jill Morgan made a motion to accept the $37,850 funding to the library for the Wish List 2027 as proposed and Nicole Younker seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

Bob Kasenchak made a motion to spend up to $36,000 to refurbish and repair the piano as proposed and Paula Stiles seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

BY LAW AMENDMENTS

Laura Pratt reviewed the By Law amendments previously made and approved by the Board of Directors. She discussed the amendments and reasoning for the changes and answered any questions. Jill Morgan made a motion that the members accept the revisions as presented and Pari Sandage seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION

Angela Rowe discussed the procedure for nomination of officers for the following year.

The nominated officers for the next fiscal year 2026-2027 are as follows:

Laura Pratt – President Angela Rowe- Vice President Pari Sandage – Treasurer
Jeanne Balkman – Secretary Members At Large: Phyllis Porter, Kaye Hewitt, Jill Morgan, Jan Rudniki, Larry Hanson, Beth Clark, Martha Moore, Regina Barrera

Tom Clark made a motion to accept the above officer slate and Paula Stiles seconded the motion. All approved, motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Laura Pratt discussed volunteer opportunities for the near future which include: pop up and book sales workers and potential Maker Space (in the library) assistants.

ADJOURN

Angela Rowe made a motion that the meeting adjourn and the motion was seconded by Bob Kasenchak. All approved, meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.