



From the President

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We've left the "20-teens" behind and started a new decade. Here are a few resolutions for all of us to help make this year the best so far:



- First, if you haven't renewed your membership for this year, please do that right away.
- If you have updated your membership, resolve to invite at least two new people to join the Friends.
- Make plans to be more active in both your branch Friends and the citywide Friends. Attend meetings at your branch. Come to citywide Friends board meetings. And while you're there, share your thoughts and ideas. We need to hear from all of you.
- Participate in activities – help with book sales and other fundraising projects. Attend library events to help register new Friends members.
- Volunteer at the BookCellar. They can always use more help.
- Be sure that your branch Friends group is always included in "Branch Leaves" in *SAPLings* and that you report on all the great things you are doing to help the San Antonio Public Library. (Deadline is the 5th of the month prior to publication – in 2020, those dates will be February 5, April 5, June 5, August 5, September 5, and December 5.)
- Be ready to contact your city council and county commissioners' elected officials at budget time. They pay attention when they hear from citizens!
- Send photos to saplingseditor@gmail.com – if they don't get published in *SAPLings*, they'll be added to the web page!
- Remember to check www.friendsofsapl.org for information. You'll find bylaws, financial documents, how-tos, and more.

Finally, and most important, remember to celebrate yourselves and your successes. Your work is important, and you are appreciated. Thank you!

Beth Graham

"Libraries are the thin red line between civilization and barbarism." – Neil Gaiman

ANNUAL FOSAPL MEETING

Sunday, January 26, 2020, 2 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium

Keynote Speaker

Kathy Donellan, Assistant Library Director

Election of Officers and Board Members

Free parking in the library garage

Nominating Committee Report

Linda Faulkner, Chair

Election of the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the Central Library at 2 p.m. The floor will be open for additional nominations. You must have the prior approval of any additional person you wish to nominate.

Standing for election to the 2020-2022 term are:

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| • Karin Pedersen , Secretary | • Napoleon "Eddie" Patino |
| • Marcie Anguiano | • Veronica Rouse |
| • Julia Castellano-Hoyt | • Mandy Simpson |
| • Barbara Chavez | • Ann Springer |
| • Linda Janney | • Sandra Wilkinson |
| • Pat Mendiola | • Sylvia Zamarippa |

Current board members in the middle of the 2019-2021 term are:

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| • Beth Graham , President | • Yolanda Kirkpatrick |
| • Kimberly Cauthon , Vice President | • Pat Peak |
| • Linda Cheatum , Treasurer | • Delia Trimble |
| • Elena Brickman | • Betty Walters |
| • Monica Brite | • Jill Zimmerman |

The Nominating Committee would like to express deep appreciation to **José Duran** and **Rowena Rodgers**, both of whom have completed three two-year terms on the Board, and to **Kathy Bee**, **Shirley Coleman**, and **Delores Huber** who have completed one or more two-year terms.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the Nominating Committee: **Monica Brite**, **Nancy Gandara**, **Eddie Patino**, **Frank Faulkner**, and **Linda Faulkner**, Chair.



Carver

The Friends of Carver hosted a Santa Meet & Greet on Saturday, Dec. 14. We had snacks, arts & crafts, and, of course, Santa Claus! This was our 2nd Annual Meet Santa event at Carver.

We recently held elections and would like to congratulate our new and returning officers for 2020–2022: President, **Kathy Bee**; Vice President, **Barbara Ma’at**; Secretary, **Monica Brite**; Treasurer, **Shirley Coleman**.

The Friends of Carver Library are currently in the planning stage of the 1st Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival, which will be held on Feb. 8, 2020, in honor of Black History month. San Antonio is currently the only major city in Texas that does not hold an African American Book Festival, so Carver Friends are stepping up to the plate. We will have 20 African American authors from various genres, food trucks, and information sessions. For more details about the event and the participating authors, please follow us on FB @carverfriends.

Monica Brite

Collins Garden

Friends of Collins Garden Library were busy during the months of November and December making and selling wreaths to benefit the library programming. Community residents participated in the first Holiday Craft Fair at the Collins Garden Library the first weekend in December. The San Antonio River City Bell Ringers provided music for the branch’s



San Antonio River City Bell Ringers at Collins Garden Branch Library

holiday tree lighting followed by a hands-on workshop for children to learn about the bells. Our Friends are now consulting with library staff for new and innovative ways to increase the group’s membership.

Jeannette Davies

Encino

At the last Friends meeting on Nov. 11, the Encino friends decided to do a membership drive to increase the membership of the Encino Friends. The Friends will have a table at library programs and will develop a Friends program in March to draw in new members.

During the month of October, Friends funds were spent mostly on the hugely successful (more than 100 in attendance) Boo Bash program! Friends’ funding provided many of the snacks for the Boo Bash including some healthy snacks like cheese sticks that were transformed into ghosts, and mandarin oranges that were transformed into mini jack-o-lanterns! Friends’ money also helped us create the spooky touch-and-feel boxes through purchase of grapes (eyes of newt), slivered almonds (werewolf toenails), dried apricots (ogre ears), and a tomato (vampire’s heart). In addition, the Friends funded some small pumpkins that the Teens painted at one of the Teen Hangout programs.

In November, Friends’ funds purchased fake fur pieces

and foam cones that were integral to the sock gnomes program. The fur made the gnomes’ beards and the cones helped shape the gnome hats.

In December, the Friends funded the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who for the Grinchmas program. Friends also advertised the event through their Nextdoor and Facebook groups. Through Friends funding, the library bought many craft supplies for Encino children to make crafts at the Grinchmas program. We bought ornament kits, green pompoms to be used in creating Grinch-themed ornaments, green glitter to make Grinch slime, and the ingredients for some fun “indoor snow!” In December, Friends also paid for some buttons and ribbon that were used during Tweens Create to make sock snowmen. Twelve tweens



The Grinch with Carla Pomager

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Beth Graham President
- Kim Cauthon Vice President
- Liz Alves Secretary
- Linda Cheatum Treasurer
- Nancy Gandara Immediate Past Pres

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SECRETARY..... Barbara Morrow

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- Kathy Bee • Barbara Chavez • Shirley Coleman • Jose Duran • Delores Huber • Linda Janney • Rowena Rodgers • Veronica Rouse • Ann Springer • Sandra Wilkinson • Sylvia Zamarripa

2019–2021 Term:

- Elena Brickman • Monica Brite • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Pat Peak • Delia Trimble • Betty Walters • Jill Zimmerman

SAPLINGS

Managing EditorAlana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at www.friendsofsapl.org.

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 5, April 5, June 5, August 5, October 5, and December 5.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file with photos as large as possible emailed to saplingseditor@gmail.com.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

attended the snowman session, and each had a great time creating their own unique snowman! More than 75 children attended and with their parents; the meeting room was full to capacity. The Grinch was a hit with all except the small babies.

Although there are no large-scale programs at the Encino Library in January and February, the library will continue to use Friends funding to support Tweens Create programming.

Carla Pomager

Igo

Welcome 2020. This New Year will bring many functions and activities to the John Igo Library.

Our first meeting of 2020 will be held Saturday, Jan. 11, at 10:30 at the Igo library. We would love to have you join us at our meetings.

Our first book sale of the year will be in February.

We hope to see you in 2020.

Al Rakus

Las Palmas

Friends recently had the opportunity to show Las Palmas Branch Manager **José Ruiz-Alvarez** and staff our appreciation for all they do. We contributed food items for the Thanksgiving brunch/lunch on Nov. 25 and the Holiday festivities on Dec. 16, during which each staff member was given a gift.

After our membership meeting in Nov., officers were elected by email and certified on Dec. 12 by Elections Facilitator **Rebecca Alvarez**. The current officers were re-elected for 2020–21, President—**Delia Ramirez Trimble**, Vice-President—**Linda Arronge**, and Secretary/Treasurer—**Vicky Enciso**. Also, as approved in our meeting, we have pur-

chased items on the Library's wish list.

We're coordinating with the librarians to see how Las Palmas Friends will support programming for special activities in January and February and spring break in March. That will determine our 1st quarter funds donation.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Happy New Year! The Maverick Friends are kicking off 2020 in style and looking forward to all that is to come.

We closed out 2019 with a wonderful, festive celebration. On Dec. 5, the group sponsored a holiday dinner at Viola's Ventanas for library staff,



Some of the Maverick Library staff and Friends at Viola's Ventanas

active Friends, and their loved ones. More than 40 individuals came out to enjoy good food and great company. We are so thankful for all of our members and staff at Maverick. Their hard work, compassion and efforts to help the library and its patrons are always appreciated.

On Dec. 7, we sponsored a performance by **Don Lovato**, acoustic guitarist. Maverick visitors enjoyed a lovely vocal performance of holiday songs—perfect for the season. What a way to end the year on a high note!

The Friends are always happy to help support our teen program at the library and see what the group will be up to

next. This past month, the teens took on a new project and painted a sign for the Young Adult shelves, putting a unique, artistic twist on our collection of books in this genre. The finished product turned out so great!

It's never too early to be looking toward our spring book sale. We welcome donations of books, graphic novels, magazines, and DVDs with all proceeds going back to support Maverick! Clean out your bookshelves to make room for some new purchases from our March sale.

Our door is always open to anyone interested in attending our Friends meetings with the next one on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m.

Amanda Dickinson

McCreless

McCreless held three book sales this year in anticipation of closure for remodeling in 2020. Our latest sale was Nov. 9. Thanks for all the members who helped either set up, work



Young patron at McCreless book

the sale, or breakdown: **Jill Zimmerman, Lucy Duncan, Marisa DeBow, Vera Banner, Cynthia Barkman, Bernadette Navarro, Julia Briggs, and Charles Briggs**. **Mary Gallagher**, our treasurer, supplied the cash box. We made more than \$800. **Mary Gallagher**, with funds approved by the members, purchased gift cards to show the Friends appreciation for our wonderful staff and librarians.

According to Librarian **Marisa DeBow**, the Lego Club continues to be a big hit for McCreless! The children are able to watch a movie, build with Legos and Duplos, play Lego Dimensions video game, and enjoy a snack. Monday evenings at McCreless brings fun times for all ages! It is so gratifying to see the Friends fundraising money put to such good use.

We are curious to see how the planned 2020 remodeling proceeds but know we will continue to support McCreless Library staff and patrons!

Lucy E. Duncan

Mission

Mission Friends are kicking off our spring fundraiser early by selling Fiesta Medals. Mission Library is located just north of Mission San José; both are located on Roosevelt Ave. San José as well as other south side missions, as many are aware, were designated as a World Heritage Site several years ago. Our Fiesta Medal is a celebration of the missions included in the site. What could be better than a location in the middle of a historic area? How about a medal designed by an art student in the Mission Friends President **Terry Ybanez**' art class at Brackenridge High School?

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The medal design projects a façade skyline of all the missions as well as the south façade of the Mission Library, which mirrors the style of Spanish missions. The medal has a row of colorful flowers across the top in celebration of Fiesta. The medals are now for sale at the library check-out desk. You may also purchase a medal from an executive board member.

Mission Librarian **Megan Feeley** oversees one of the Teen Kpop Club sessions. The Kpop Club meets on alternate Thursdays, at 6:00 p.m., where they listen to Korean music and make teen jewelry. **Terry Ybanez** and Mission Library Manager **Oscar Gonzalez** managed the make-and-take art projects that were provided for the community at the 2nd Annual Dia de los Muertos Festival on Nov 2.

Mission Friends Executive Board meeting will be Mar. 5, and the general Friends meeting will be Mar. 26. Join us!

Sandra Wilkinson

Pan American

The Pan American Friends of the San Antonio Public Library were officially reactivated as of Aug. 2019. The group started out as a normal teen group. They were heavily involved in Teen Time and want-

ed to know how they could help the library. They had all these incredible ideas for fundraisers, but nothing could be done without a Friends of the Library group, which the library was actively trying to recruit. The Friends of the Pan American Library was inactive at the time and had no way of getting money for programming. The teens inquired with Teen Liaison **Cassie Garza** about how they could join the Friends and help with raising money for programs. **Cassie** and **Steven Barrera** decided to research any age restrictions for people joining the FOSAPL. They found out that there is nothing that could stop them from joining the FOSAPL, so they started sending in their donations to the FOSAPL group. **Ramiro Salazar** mentioned at our 50th anniversary how great it would be to have an all-teen Friends group. **Steven Barrera** spoke with Cheryl and **Beth Graham** about the teens and the effort to create a FOSAPL group at Pan American. Since they did not have any age restrictions, the teens took it upon themselves to start preparing to have their own group. They created bylaws, based on the bylaws from the previous Friends group, and they were taken to President **Beth Graham**. They held a meeting and elected officers. The Teen



Lilliana is a Pan American Friend

Friends is led by 15-year-old President **Nancy Rodriguez**.
Jeannette Davies

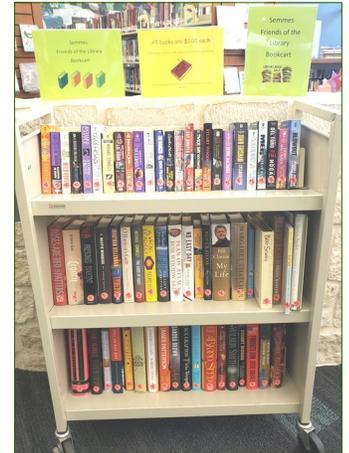
Potranco

The Potranco Friends have finalized our donation plan for the branch for next year. We are excited to see what the branch does with the funds! We have already purchased a reusable banner for their annual Pooch Parade. This year was the 2nd time the event has been held and more than 10 dogs (including one parrot sidekick) and more than 30 humans of all ages attended. Some participated in the costume contest while others tried their paw at the obstacle course. On Dec. 7, the Friends held our first (of hopefully many) mini-book sales and raised more than \$250! It was held in conjunction with the holiday event at the YMCA. It was a good first run, a learning experience, and an exercise in creativity! More to come!

Karin Pedersen

Semmes

The Semmes Friends ended the year on a happy note with the introduction of their new “used books for sale” book cart. We are happy to report the cart has been a great success. During the month of November, more than 70 books found their way into the hands of Semmes readers, and the Semmes Friends have concluded this is a great new way to raise funds to support the Semmes Library. The cart is stocked with hardback and paperback selections across a variety of genres, with titles in both fiction and non-fiction. Take a minute to stop by on your next library visit, look at the book selection, and see if you find something suited to your interests.



Thanks to those Semmes Friends who met on Dec. 2, to decorate the Semmes Library for the Christmas holiday season. The library became an inviting winter holiday wonderland with the Christmas tree, wreaths, garland, and poinsettias throughout the facility. On Dec. 18, the Semmes Friends provided each Semmes employee with a gift card, hot spiced apple cider and fresh baked Christmas treats.

The next Semmes Friends book sale date has been set for Feb. 7 and 8. Preview for members only will be Friday, Feb. 7, 10–11:30. Book sale hours for the general public will be Saturday, Feb. 8, 10–1:30. If you have not already done so, please take a minute to complete your membership renewal for the 2020 calendar year. Envelopes were sent out in early December. You may also pick them up in the library facility or register/pay online. We value your membership and encourage you to renew and support your Semmes Friends group.

The next general membership meeting will be Feb. 12 at 1 in the Semmes small meeting room. Hope to see you there.

Happy New Year everyone from the Semmes Library and the Semmes Friends Group!

Sandy Sherman

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Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks Children’s Librarian **Lea Ann McDonald** asked the Friends to help with the activities she has planned this year. We’ve participated in several events including the Halloween and Christmas pro-

grams. The Friends agree that being involved in these events makes us feel more a part of the Library, and those who have participated have enjoyed working with the children and their parents on a personal basis. The Wishing Tree and Candy Cane Fishing game were especially popular at



Children’s Trick or Treat Party at Thousand Oaks

“Winter Wonderland” on Dec. 10. We plan to continue the involvement with Lea Ann and the children and teen groups. We are looking forward to a program for Valentine’s Day. Lea Ann’s teen group also volunteered for the “Winter Wonderland.” She has always expressed her appreciation for our involvement in her programs and our financial participation in Children’s programming.

In our November meeting, we agreed to once

again provide gift cards, which were presented during the Staff luncheon on Dec. 12. Our semi-annual book sale held on Dec. 7 was one of the best attended sales we’ve had in recent years, with about 25 patrons waiting at the door for the sale to start. We also added some goodies for a bake sale

table, which was also successful (partly because we’re our own best customers). We’ve already scheduled our summer sale for the first weekend in June, the day Summer Reading Program will begin, hopefully adding new participants for both events.

We held another “Just Friends” get together on Dec. 13 for a luncheon at Pompeii Restaurant. THO will be a VITA site again in 2020, beginning Feb. 4, and we’ve also been selected for the City’s symphony program on a Sunday in March when San Antonio Symphony members will come to the library to showcase their instruments and provide information about the Orchestra.

It’s shaping up to be a busy year in 2020.

Pat Peak



Westfall Friends attended the CREF award ceremony.

Westfall

On Oct. 27, the Community Responsibility Endowment Fund (CREF) trustees of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio, TX, awarded their annual grants to support projects that address the community needs in the San Antonio metropolitan area and reflect the values of the members of the church. This year’s recipients were the Center for Refugee Services, Friends of the Westfall Library, and Yoga Day.

Nancy Howard

Build Your Digital Skills

Whether you want to take your digital skills to the next level or become acquainted with using computers for the first time, visit one of our four Learn at SAPL Centers to earn a certification with our new digital skills paths! Visit mysapl.org for more about the adult education programs available at Bazan, Carver, and Westfall Branch Libraries. Please note, Learn at SAPL at Cortez Branch will be relocating to Johnston Branch, opening for service on Jan. 10.

Learn Languages at the Library

Explore a variety of languages! You can check out audiobooks to learn on your own, or find a group to practice with. The Library hosts a number of ESL groups, including groups at Pruitt, Westfall, and Bazan Branch Libraries. Teens and adults interested in learning sign language are invited to visit Potranco Branch Library for meet ups. Visit mysapl.org for a complete calendar and to explore more resources.



Encino Library Holiday Celebration

From the Library Director



Greetings and Happy New Year!

The San Antonio Public Library is excited to begin a new and productive year of service to our community. We are also proud of the accomplishments we made last

year and would like to thank the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library for all that you do throughout the year to help us reach new heights and achieve all of our goals. We couldn't do this without you!

As we look forward to the future, the San Antonio Public Library has begun a comprehensive, strategic initiative to replace the current strategic plan and will serve to guide the library system for the next five years. As a key partner, your input is essential to the success of this project. The first step in the process is a community needs assessment survey, of which you will receive a copy. Once you receive it, please take a few moments to offer your input. We will be providing information on next steps and updates throughout the process so you are aware of progress on this important initiative.

Additionally, during the month of January, the Library will be honoring the history of the Holocaust with a Learn & Remember program. This year's 8th edition of the Holocaust Learn and Remember month-long program will include opportunities to participate at multiple locations throughout the San Antonio Public Library system. I encourage you all to participate in these programs so that we can all better enlighten the community, promote tolerance, and encourage acceptance within our communities. For more information, as well as dates, times, and locations of events, visit mysapl.org.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and contributions. Thanks to you, we are able to continue offering our community with the best possible library experience!

Sincerely,
Ramiro S. Salazar

Westfall Friends Receives Grant

Nancy Howard and
Dee Johnson

On September 15, 2019, President of Westfall Friends of the Library **Dee Johnson** received an email requesting Westfall Library to submit an application for the CREF Community Responsibility Endowment Fund Grant from First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio that had been submitted by Westfall Friends Secretary **Nancy Howard**. The deadline for submittal was October 1, 2019. On October 4, 2019, Dee was notified that the Friends of Westfall was awarded a \$500 grant! The award was presented at the Church's Sunday Service on October 27, 2019. **Dee Johnson** was out of town; Vice President **Robert Martinez** accepted the award. **Nancy Howard**, founder



Rowena Rodgers and long-time board member **Pat Cummins** were in attendance. The award to the community was celebrated with a cake and punch reception with tables available for all CREF award members to reach out the congregation, community, and church attendees.



Teens Form Pan American Library Friends

San Antonio teens demonstrate leadership skills

Steven Barrera & Jeannette Davies

Fifteen-year-old **Nancy Rodriguez**' passion for her library is so strong that she used her natural-born leadership skills to rally teens at the Pan American Branch Library to develop SAPL's first-ever all-teen led Friends of the Pan American Library.

As an active member of the library's Teen Time, Rodriguez showed ownership of the program and rallied teens **Isaiah**, **Lilliana** and **Marisol**, along with others, to think of ways to support their library. The teens decided they'd like to help the library raise funds and develop a library Friends group at the Pan American Library.

Rodriguez discussed these ideas with Pan American Library Teen Liaison **Cassie Garza** and Branch Manager **Steven Barrera**, who welcomed the teen's ideas and suggestion to spearhead the reenactment of the Friends of Pan American Library.

"The teens had incredible ideas for fundraisers, but nothing could be done without a Friends of the Library Group," Barrera said. "Staff was actively trying to recruit members when the teens stepped up to explore the idea, so their timing was perfect."

Barrera and Garza, who were working to build a new Friends group for Pan American Library began researching any age restrictions for people joining the Friends of the Library, consulted Public Service Administrator **Chery Sheehan** and the teens were given the green light by FOSAPL President **Beth Graham** to shuttle in a new generation of Friends' volunteers at the Pan American Library. Given the green light, Rodriguez and the other teens accepted the challenge to develop bylaws based on the previous Friends group and held their very first meeting to elect officers and begin serving their library.

SAPL Director **Ramiro Salazar** commended the teens for their efforts at the Pan American Library's recent 50th anniversary celebration. Barrera looks forward to working with the teens and seeing what innovative and creative ideas these young library Friends will come up with to support their library.

"The Pan American Library Team is thrilled that the teens stepped up to become our Friends of the library and contribute to enhancing the library experience for our patrons," Barrera said.

In August 2019, Rodriguez took the helm as president of the Friends of Pan American Library, like Climate Change Activist **Greta Thunberg**, *Time Magazine*'s The Person of the Year 2019, Rodriguez's actions demonstrate how a new generation of Friends of the Library can assist libraries into the future.



Kiddos for Dia de los Muertos Altar

Nancy Howard & Dee Johnson

Day of the Dead “Dia de los Muertos” is gaining a strong presence throughout San Antonio. Westfall President **Dee Johnson** graciously decorated an altar with photos of her family members that included pictures of her mother, **Dolores Martinez**, a homemaker for most of her life having proudly raised five children. Displayed beside her mother was her father, **Victor Martinez**, an impressive shop foreman for Killian-House Construction (builders of much of the city’s freeway system) until his retirement. Other family members included a beloved aunt and uncle, Patricio, who worked construction for various companies and her favorite aunt, **Maria Medina**, another honored homemaker. Dee engaged one of the children in the library to help with decorations; the altar was also populated by photos from staff members to pay tribute to their relatives. Westfall has requested that Westfall Friends continue providing an altar yearly for the Day of the Dead “Dia de los Muertos” event. A Westfall Friends committee would like to plan more activities around Day of the Dead “Dia de los Muertos” to include art throughout the library with gift card prizes awarded to children, teens, and young adults in 2020.

Central Library Parking Garage Elevator Update

Heidi Kluber

Center City Development & Operations Department (CCDO), the City department that operates the Central Library parking garage, will soon begin work to replace the elevator (yay!). Unfortunately, this means that the elevator will be out of commission from approximately Jan. 6 to Mar. 3. CCDO will be identifying additional reserved parking spots on the first floor for individuals who need the use of an elevator if they were to park on floors 2 and 3.

SAPL Marketing has created some signage that will be displayed in the Library and on social media as a heads up to patrons. CCDO will post signage outside the garage entrance to warn users as they enter.

Please continue to report any issues regarding the garage to the Library Director's office.

BookCellar News

Sandra Wilkinson

**The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11–3 every day
plus 3–7 Thursdays
210-227-9519**



November was a great month for BookCellar (BC) volunteers. We had a delicious Mexican food banquet served by Jacala Restaurant on Nov. 11. After dessert was served, (Thanks to **Anna Cleve** for surveying everyone about dessert. She picked up the favorites to bring to the banquet.) BC Manager **Andrea Mason** emceed the “Apron” awards for the year. **Mary Rittgers** and **Nancy Oseasohn** received their purple apron for 50 hours of service to BC. **Bob Teague** received his green apron for 2,000 hours of service to the BC. **Cindy Conley**, chairperson for the BC committee, and **Linda Cheatum**, treasurer for the FOSAPL executive committee, each received their blue aprons for 4,000 hours of service to the BookCellar. Other volunteers received 50-hour patches to be added to their purple aprons. Congratulations to all!

Also this month, the BC gave Thousand Oaks two boxes of Christmas books. Las Palmas received two boxes of juvenile books, and Potranco was provided 10 boxes of juvenile and adult materials.

NEW YEAR SPECIALS

- Regular-priced young adult hardbacks 50% off or 25¢ each.
- Regular-priced young adult paperbacks 50% off or 10¢ each.
- All regular-priced juvenile non-fiction (Dewey numbers) will be 50% off.
- Regular-priced adult 600s and 900s will be 50% off. 600s are diet, exercise, pet care, cook books, business advice etc. The 900s are geography, travel, and history.



Linda Cheatum



Bob Teague & Bob Mason



Betty, Bruce Gill, & Andrea Mason



Rowena Rodgers & Marjie Day

- Specially selected adult paperback fiction will be offered at a special price, 2 for 25¢.

Start the NEW YEAR on the right book. Come visit with us anytime. We are open any and every day. Do not miss these great specials!

To all friends—remember you can “friend” a non-friend by forwarding your copy of *SAPLings*.



www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA

Arts & Letters Award Ceremony Photos



The 2019 Arts & Letters awards went to **Fernando Esteban Flores, Antoinette V. Franklin, Aundar Ma'at, and Kathleen Trenchard**. Shown clockwise from top: the 2019 awardees; **Beth Graham** with Antoinette; Fernando with Beth; **Monica Brite**, Beth, and Aundar; and Beth with Kathleen.



Life Members

Barbara Morrow

Thank you to the “Life” Friends for their member-”friend”-ship. Current Life members are listed below. Please email Membership Secretary Kim Cauthon at fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com, if there are errors or omissions, and the corrections will be made.

When the Friends learn that a Life member has passed away, a donation of \$100 is sent to the San Antonio Public Library for purchase of books in memory of that Friend. All notifications of death are researched on the Internet to locate an Obituary to verify the death when possible.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams
Charles Adkisson
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.
Elizabeth Alves
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Alwais
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Isabel Y. Jennings
Eileen Jones
Robert L. & Elizabeth Jones
Betty & Bob Kelso
Yolanda Kirkpatrick
Richard Kleberg III
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Jonathan Lamb
Richard J. Lamb
David Liserio
Mrs. Robert M. Luby
Alice Ann Lynch
Dr. Daniel E. Macias
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Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mathews
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Caroline Matthews
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Josephine P. Myler
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Sam Schaefer
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Kathleen Schock
Scottish F.M. Rite
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Daniela Serna
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Patsy Warncke
Nancy West
Lucie Jean Whitehead Bourne
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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 17, 2019 | Johnston Branch Library
Submitted by *Elizabeth Alves, Secretary*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, November 17, 2019, at the Johnston Branch Library. President **Beth Graham** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary **Liz Alves** called the roll and announced that a quorum was present.

Board members in attendance were: **Beth Graham, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Liz Alves, Sandra Wilkinson, José Durán, Sylvia Zamarippa, Linda Janney, Delia Trimble, Jill Zimmerman, Nancy Gandara, Shirley Coleman, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Betty Walters, Monica Brite, Elena Brickman, Charlotte Martin, Veronica Rouse, Shirley Springer, and Betty Walters.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included **Marcie Ince**, District 9 Library Trustee, Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, FOSAPL Membership Secretary **Barbara Morrow**, Arts & Letters Chair **John Costello**, **Arlene Braswell, Roy Braswell** and **Anna Cleve.**

Approval of Minutes: **Nancy Gandara** moved that the minutes of the September 15, 2019, meeting be approved. **Betty Walters** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

President's Report: **Beth Graham** updated the board and attendees regarding her attendance at various library events during the previous months.

Treasurer's Report: **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Report. **Ann Springer** moved the report be approved as submitted as presented. **Sandra Wilkerson** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Board of Trustees: **Marcie Ince** thanked the Friends for coming out to attend this board meeting along with thanks for all of the work they do for the libraries throughout the city.

Library Administration: Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** gave a brief update on the eBooks for All effort organized by the ALA because of Macmillan Publishing's decision embargo library access to e-books for two months after publication. Ramiro asked that everyone go to ebooksforall.org and sign the petition asking Macmillan to reconsider the embargo.

Ramiro's presentation included information about activities at some of the branch libraries and the Central Library. He noted that both the Carver and San Pedro Branch Libraries would celebrate their 90-year anniversaries in 2020.

Ramiro closed by thanking the Friends for their support.

Library Foundation: **Liz Alves** updated the attendees on the 2019 Catrina Ball, which had another successful year. She reported that the Foundation Board was continuing its search for candidates to fill open staff positions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts and Letters Committee: **John Costello** reported that the committee did an outstanding job selecting the four individuals honored in 2019. He noted that this year's ceremony had the largest attendance in many years. The committee will have one last meeting to close out any business that might need to be reviewed.

BookCellar Committee: **Cynthia Conley** reported the

BookCellar's gross revenue to date.

Budget Committee: Chair **Beth Graham** thanked the members of the Budget Committee, **Cynthia Conley, Betty Walters, Karin Pedersen, Nancy Rodriguez, and Linda Cheatum.** She reported that the committee had met on Oct. 27 to develop the proposed 2020 Budget, which would be presented later under "New Business."

Membership Committee: Membership Secretary **Barbara Morrow** reported that membership to date was 884, and that she continued to receive new memberships and renewals. **Kim Cauthon** reported on the "How to Win Friends and Influence People" workshop held in September. She showed photos from the workshop and announced that materials from the session were available for branches that did not have representatives in attendance. **Beth Graham** and **Nancy Gandara** thanked **Kim** for an outstanding job on putting this workshop together.

Nominating Committee: In the absence of Chair **Linda Faulkner**, **Nancy Gandara** announced that the members of the Nominating Committee were **Monica Brite, Frank Faulkner, Eddie Patino**, and herself. She reported that the committee had met on Oct. 21 and would be contacting those Board members who would be term-limited out as well as nominees for the next term.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of the FOSAPL 2020 Budget: **Beth Graham** presented the pro-

posed 2020 Budget. **Betty Walters** made a motion to approve the budget as presented. **Delia Trimble** seconded. **José Durán** asked why the budget showed an anticipated \$6,200 under "Donations and Memorials" when the 2019 total in the Treasurer's Report was far below that. **Beth Graham** noted that each year the Friends receive a large anonymous donation at the end of the year, which was anticipated for 2019 as well. After this discussion the motion passed without opposition.

Consider approval of a motion to authorize the FOSAPL President and Treasurer to purchase a new Certificate of Deposit (CD) upon maturation of the current certificate in May 2020: **Beth Graham** asked for a motion to approve rolling over the CD scheduled to mature in May 2020. **Delores Huber** made the motion, **Nancy Gandara** seconded, and it passed without opposition.

Announcements

Beth asked that everyone present remember to go online and sign the petition at ebooksforall.org. She also reminded members to submit photos (with names included) and event descriptions to *SAPLings* editor **Alana Woods** no later than December 10, 2019. She thanked the Friends of the Johnston Branch Library for providing refreshments for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Beth Graham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. **Sylvia Zamarippa** made the motion. **Delia Trimble** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

2020 Budget Approved by the Board Nov. 17, 2019

	Actual 2018	Budgeted 2019	Thru 8/31/19	Projected 2019	Proposed 2020
INCOME					
BookCellar Donation box	1,140	945	586	779	900
BookCellar sales (net)	75,460	76,256	55,564	73,900	80,200
Donations/memorials	7,464	6,200	668	888	6,200
Interest	1,073	1,000	821	1,092	1,000
Membership	10,592	9,000	4,986	6,631	9,850
	95,729	93,401	62,625	83,291	98,150
EXPENSES, FOSAPL					
Arts & Letters Awards	785	1,000	0	1,000	1,000
Bank chgs, PayPal fees	348	275	102	136	248
Board expenses	247	200	220	293	200
Workshop(s)	678	600	0	600	600
Contract-accounting	7,010	6,000	7,308	9,720	10,000
Insurance–FOSAPL Bd.	1,081	987	1,484	1,900	1,440
Membership recruitment	4,019	1,500	379	504	1,040
Newsletter expenses	3,952	3,900	2,550	3,492	4,000
Office supplies	489	450	377	450	500
Postage	529	700	489	650	600
President's expenses	0	150	25	33	100
Website maintenance	720	750	480	750	750
EXPENSES, BookCellar					
Advertising	185	150	0	150	150
Insurance–BookCellar	955	1,164	799	1,063	825
Commodities for resale	3,230	2,900	1,541	2,050	3,000
Equip. and maintenance	329	600	0	500	600
Payroll tax	1,374	1,250	858	1,141	1,447
Salary–BookCellar mgr.	16,168	16,450	11,213	14,913	18,850
Supplies	774	900	462	614	800
Volunteer appreciation	989	2,000	260	2,000	2,000
LIBRARY SUPPORT					
	60,300	60,000	37,500	49,875	50,000
	104,162	101,926		91,834	98,150

NOTES

- Figures are rounded to nearest dollar.
- Expenses for branch workshop, Arts & Letters, and BookCellar volunteer appreciation had not been completely reported as of 10/25/19.



The teens at Maverick Branch Library took on a new project and painted a sign for the Young Adult shelves, putting a unique, artistic twist on our collection of books in this genre.

Membership

**Barbara Morrow,
Membership Chair**

Currently there are 899 active members. Renewal Membership envelopes are coming in steadily. Thank you letters for life members have been sent. Each new and renewing member will receive an acknowledgment email with a certificate for a free regular-priced book from the BookCellar or from one of the branch library used book sale carts.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

Because dates and times change occasionally, please call to verify information.

- Jan. 6–Mar. 3 Central Library Parking Garage Elevator out of commission.
- January 7 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
- January 11 Igo Friends meeting, 10:30.
- January 26 Annual Meeting, Central Library Auditorium, 2.**
- February 7–8 Semmes Friends Book Sale. Preview for members only Friday, 10–11:30. General Public Book Sale Saturday, 10–1:30.
- February 8 1st Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival, Carver.
- February 12 Semmes Friends meeting, small meeting room, 1.
- March 5 Mission Friends Executive Board meeting
- March 15 Friends of the Library Board meeting, Location TBD, 2.**
- March 26 Mission General Friends meeting.

Carver Library
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220
210-207-9180

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-207-9080 (also TTY)

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-207-9060

Mission Library
3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214
210-207-2704

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.