

MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY (FOLTC)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 28, 2020
(RESCHEDULED from February 11, 2020)

I. Call to Order

President Elaine Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Towns County Public Library, Hiawassee, Georgia.

Board members present were: Amy Barrett, Marlene Cannon, Suzanne Carter, Kathy Day, Judith Lee, Darlene Pilcher, Jim Reynolds, Elaine Roberts, Gigi Smith, Elaine Vickers, Tammy Wells and Linda Worl. Others in attendance included TCPL Branch Manager Debbie Phillips, Friends, Barbara Hale, Delores Staton and Jim Worl.

Board members not present: Marcia Aunspaugh, Doris Tilly, Mary Welken.

II. President's Report

President Roberts welcomed all to the meeting.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the December 10, 2019 Board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Elaine Vickers moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Jim Reynolds; passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim Reynolds distributed the Treasurer's Report along with the Year End Report for 2019 and a pie chart that illustrates the 2019 financial breakdown visually. The report was for the period of January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019. Beginning balance was **\$18,994.96**. Total income was **\$17,683.35**; total expenses were **\$10,563.12**. The balance as of December 31, 2019 is **\$26,115.19**, with unencumbered funds of **\$18,615.19**. The financial report was accepted.

Jim reported he has submitted the annual Georgia tax registration and annual federal registration for non-profit tax exempt status. The membership in the Georgia Friends of the Libraries has been renewed.

V. Library Reports

Debbie Phillips reported that due to library spending being suspended, the Winter Reading Program has been put on hold. The \$500 that FOLTC has pledged to the Children's Summer Reading Program has been earmarked to be spent on the entertainers. Debbie requested financial assistance from FOLTC to purchase a small table and chair for the children's computer area.

Suzanne Carter moved to provide up to \$350 to Towns County Public Library to purchase a table and chair for the children's computer area; seconded by Darlene Pilcher; passed unanimously.

Marlene Cannon, MRL Branch Manager reported that Mountain Regional Library has launched their Winter Reading BINGO and it is receiving great reviews. The Cookbook Club will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month and have a different theme each month. The 4th annual Dr. Seuss Day will be March 7th. Marlene requested FOLTC financial support for Dr. Seuss Day and Winter Bingo.

Darlene Pilcher moved to provide \$350 to Mountain Regional Library for Dr. Seuss Day which would include the purchase of food for the event and to also support Winter BINGO; seconded by Kathy Day; passed unanimously.

VI. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee reported that she sent out thank you letters and acknowledgements for business memberships.

VII. Book Bunch 'n Lunch

Gigi Smith reported the February book will be Lethal Bayou Beauty by Jana Deleon. Discussion led by Tammy Wells. The Book Bunch 'n Lunch is listed in the Towns County Herald calendar each week.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh was not present. The following dates were agreed upon for book and bake sales:

June 4-6	Book Sale (only), Mountain Regional Library
July 9	Bake Sale (only), Towns County Public Library
October (TBD)	Book and Bake Sale, Mountain Regional Library

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

Elaine Vickers reported concerns regarding a pie sale for 2020, based upon poor communication and mix-ups with Mercier Orchards with the 2019 pie sale. It is anticipated there will be a price increase which will be too much for FOLTC to pass on for our fund raising efforts. A committee was formed to discuss other fund raising ideas to replace the pie sale.

X. Membership

Tammy Wells recommended purging the roster of members who have not renewed since 2017.

XI. Newsletter

Articles for the winter newsletter are due next week.

XII. Publicity

Amy Barrett reported she was going to request our meetings be added to the community calendar in the Towns County Herald. FOLTC is now on Instagram and she encouraged all to follow “friends_of_the_libraries_tc.”

XIII. Old Business

Suzanne Carter reported we are still waiting to hear back whether FOLTC has been approved by the board of Peach State Federal Credit Union.

XIV. New Business

Elaine Roberts suggested FOLTC sponsor a Little Library at the Towns County beach park on the lake, somewhere near the playground. Elaine Roberts, Jim Reynolds, Linda Worl & Delores Staton will study this and report back at the next meeting.

2021 will be the 25th anniversary of FOLTC. Suzanne Carter, Barbara Hale, Delores Staton and Linda Worl volunteered to meet to discuss ideas for celebrating this event in our history. Suzanne volunteered to update the recorded history of FOLTC.

April 21, 2020 is National Library Workers Day. FOLTC will recognize all of our library workers with a gift card from Ingles.

Darlene Pilcher moved to purchase Ingles gift cards in the amount of \$20 each for all library employees at both MRL and TCPL; seconded by Amy Barrett; passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by President Elaine Roberts.
Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

Approved June 9, 2020