

MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY (FOLTC)
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 9, 2020

I. Call to Order

President Elaine Roberts called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Gardens outdoor pavilion, Hiawassee, Georgia. The Board exercised social distancing and wore masks in order to safely conduct the meeting outdoors.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Marlene Cannon, Suzanne Carter, Kathy Day, Jim Reynolds, Elaine Roberts, Mary Welken, Tammy Wells and Linda Worl. Others in attendance included Friend, Barbara Hale.

Board members not present: Amy Barrett, Judith Lee, Darlene Pilcher, Gigi Smith, Doris Tilly and Elaine Vickers. Debbie Phillips was unable to attend.

II. President's Report

President Roberts welcomed all to the meeting.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the January 28, 2020 Board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Tammy Wells moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Suzanne Carter; passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim Reynolds distributed the Treasurer's Report. The report was for the period of January 1, 2020 – June 4, 2020. Beginning balance was **\$26,115.19**. Total income was **\$1,384.90**; total expenses were **\$2,182.24**. The balance as of June 4, 2020 is **\$25,317.85**, with unencumbered funds of **\$19,317.85**. The financial report was accepted.

Jim reported that there will be many changes with financial interactions between Mountain Regional Library System and FOLTC, due to state regulations. Specifics will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Challenge Grant funds may only be used for the purchase of books and materials for the 2 libraries. Library staff can no longer handle money on behalf of FOLTC for the bookstore, membership, donations or any other purpose. A secure box will be placed in each library to accept monies for book purchases, membership forms & dues, donations, etc.

In addition, Jim reported that he has opened the new account at Peach State Federal Credit Union and recommended that we put the purchase of a 6-month CD on hold due to the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19.

V. Library Reports

No reports were delivered from the libraries.

VI. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee was not present.

VII. Book Bunch 'n Lunch

Gigi Smith was not present. Barbara Hale reported in her absence that the July book will be Remains of the Day by Kazu Ishiguro.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that after our last book sale 9 boxes of children's books were donated to the Woody Gap School. The libraries cannot accept book donations at this time. The book sale scheduled for August has been cancelled. Quite possibly there will not be any book sales for the remainder of 2020.

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

Elaine Vickers was not present. Elaine Roberts will contact Elaine Vickers regarding a possible bake sale in July to coincide with the TCPL summer reading beach event. There was discussion about a possible bake sale to be held around Thanksgiving to be held either at TCPL or Sharp Memorial Methodist Church.

X. Membership

Tammy Wells had no updates.

XI. Newsletter

Darlene Pilcher was not present.

XII. Publicity

Amy Barrett was not present.

XIII. Old Business

FOLTC 25th Anniversary commemoration is tentatively set for February 2021.

Free Little Library – Elaine Roberts reported that plans are progressing and she brought a mock-up to give an idea of how it will look.

Tammy Wells moved to provide \$100 for the construction & installation of the Free Little Library; seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; passed unanimously.

The FOGL Best Friend Award will be presented to Doris Tilly by the Friends of Georgia Libraries at their October 2020 meeting in Athens.

XIV. New Business

Elaine Roberts reported the reception to welcome Heath Lee has been tentatively scheduled for August, 2020. She also suggested that each Board member should select a book title by the August meeting for donation, to be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by President Elaine Roberts.
Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

Approved August 11, 2020