

MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
June 7, 2022

I. Call to Order

President Mary Welken called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Towns County Public Library, Hiawassee, GA.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Marlene Cannon, Rose Carter, Suzanne Carter, Kathy Day, Darlene Pilcher, Elaine Roberts, Gigi Smith, Delores Staton and Mary Welken. Friends Grace Andrews, Jane Farrell, Dave Geiger and Linda Worl were present.

Board members not present: Judith Lee and Jim Reynolds.

II. President's Report

President Welken welcomed guests Dave Geiger and Grace Andrews and asked all to introduce themselves and give their role with FOLTC.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the April 12, 2022 board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Darlene Pilcher moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Rose Carter; passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim Reynolds did not attend but had provided the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2022 to May 20, 2022. Beginning balance was **\$26,729.23**. Total income was **\$2,797.73**. Total expenses were **\$8,196.35**. The balance as of May 20, 2022 is **\$21,330.61**, with encumbered funds of **\$5,725.00**, and with unencumbered funds of **\$15,605.61**. The financial report was accepted

V. Library Report

Marlene Cannon shared the library events that have been possible due to funding support from FOLTC.

These included:

- Egg drop event
- Derby Days event, with history of the Kentucky Derby
- Book club

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Summer Reading Program “Oceans of Possibilities”
- Putt-putt event (which has been re-scheduled)
- Touch a Truck event with free shaved ice for all, June 29th
- Adult Summer Reading Bingo
- Mini Art Show with ocean theme

VI. Book Bunch ‘n Lunch

Gigi Smith reported the June book will be 28 Summers by Elin Hildebrand. The July book will be Dance Hall of the Dead: A Leaphorn & Chee Novel by Tony Hillerman. Multiple copies of the chosen titles are available at the library circulation desks for book club members.

VII. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee did not attend. No report.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh reported donations have rebounded significantly and the shed is at full capacity. Marcia proposed an Honor Book Sale possibly in August. The final dates are pending approval by the Director.

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

There is no chairperson for this committee and no plans at present for future bake sales.

X. Membership

Rose Carter reported we have 2 new members and 7 renewals bringing the total membership to 104. New membership acknowledgement postcards have been updated and printed. She suggested adding a notation to bring the postcard to the bookstore for a free book when members renew their membership.

XI. Newsletter

Darlene Pilcher stated the deadline for newsletter articles is July 31st.

XII. Publicity

Suzanne Carter attended the Towns County Library Board meeting on April 19, 2022 and provided a copy of the report that she presented.

XIII. Old Business

- a. Book shelves for both bookstore locations have been installed.
- b. VP position – notification was sent out to all members seeking a volunteer.
- c. Equipment inventory list of all items owned by FOLTC and housed at either of the library branches has been updated and included in the Memorandum of Understanding with MRL

XIV. New Business

- a. Need for a book donation receipt has been requested by some members. Rose will send an email notice to members that they can request a receipt by emailing FOLTC.
- b. Mary Welken brought it to the attention of the board that an additional \$5000 is needed by the libraries for books as state funding has been cut.

Suzanne Carter made a motion that FOLTC give \$5000 to MRL and TCPL to be used solely for books and materials. The motion was seconded by Darlene Pilcher; passed unanimously.

- c. Mary Welken asked that we bring ideas for the 25 – year anniversary of FOLTC to the next meeting and to consider having this event in November.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by President Mary Welken.
The next meeting will be August 9, 2022 at MRL.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

APPROVED August 8, 2022