

**MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
October 10, 2023**

I. Call to Order

Vice President Rose Mary Crook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Towns County Public Library, Hiawassee, GA.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Suzanne Carter, Kathy Day, Rose Mary Crook, Barbara Hale, Kevin Kirby, Ann Lewis, Darlene Pilcher, Jim Reynolds, Elaine Roberts, and Delores Staton.

Board members not present: Rose Carter, Judith Lee, Gigi Smith, and Mary Welken.

II. President's Report

Vice President Crook welcomed everyone.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the August 8, 2023 board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Barbara Hale moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim Reynolds presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023. Beginning balance was **\$21,995.70**. Total income was **\$6,928.91**. Total expenses were **\$8,894.80**. The balance as of September 30, 2023 is **\$20,029.81**, with encumbered funds of **\$6,100.00** and with unencumbered funds of **\$13,929.81**. The financial report was accepted.

V. Library Reports

Kevin Kirby, Branch Manager of TCPL reported that there had been 2 Red Cross blood drives; Story Time has restarted; they had a Mid-Autumn festival; upcoming Fall Festival and Cookies with the Grinch.

Ann Lewis, Branch Manager MRL reported they have hired a Youth Services Coordinator; Tuesday afternoon programs have 9 - 18 kids participating; Baby Story Time with 3 - 4 babies. She reported that the libraries have participated in outreach events at Towns County Schools and Young Harris College with effort to attract college students to the library and had an information/activity table at Porchfest in Young Harris.

The juvenile chapter books funded by FOLTC are being processed and ¼ have already been checked out.

Upcoming programs in the next few months include hosting a children's carnival and Trick or Treating on October 31st and a Red Cross Blood Drive. Adult programming will be a presentation on Mary Shelley's Frankenstein in October, a writing workshop in November and Harry Potter's Christmas in December. The first teen/young adult program will be October 26: Stranger Things Trivia.

They are also seeing more use of the Community Room by ICL at Young Harris College for bridge, meditation and yoga classes.

VI. Book Bunch 'n Lunch

Gigi Smith was not present. Barbara Hale reported in her absence that the location for Book Bunch 'n Lunch has changed as Daniel's Restaurant has closed. The new location will be the porch at TCPL on the 3rd Wednesday of each month and bag lunches are welcome. The October book will be The Things We Cannot Say by Kelly Rimmer. The November book will be In Pieces by Sally Field.

VII. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee was absent but sent her report by email. Thank you notes were sent to Alvin and Sybil Fickle, donors; Gary and Linda Dye, donors; and, Deborah Reynolds, patron.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that donations and sales have been good at both book stores.

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

Darlene Pilcher reported that we needed more donations of baked goods for the upcoming bake sale on October 19th.

X. Membership

Rose Carter was absent.

XI. Newsletter

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

XII. Publicity

Suzanne Carter has had new signs made for the bake sale; has made and distributed flyers; posted announcements on the FOLTC FaceBook page; sent notifications about the bake sale to the Chamber of Commerce, United Community Bank for their electronic billboard, local radio station, and newspapers.

XIII. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

XIV. New Business

- a. Nominating Committee – There was no need to form a separate nominating committee as all present officers agreed to serve another term.
- b. Upcoming Bake Sale – This has been discussed in section IX.
- c. Other – Suzanne Carter suggested possibly catering the meal for the meeting, but with further discussion, it was decided to hold the meeting as in the past at MRL Community Room

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. by Vice President Rose Mary Carter. The next meeting will be December 12, 2023, at MRL.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary.

APPROVED December 12, 2023