

MINUTES
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
December 12, 2023

I. Call to Order

President Mary Welken called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Mountain Regional Library, Young Harris, GA.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Rose Carter, Suzanne Carter, Rose Mary Crook, Kathy Day, Barbara Hale, Kevin Kirby, Ann Lewis, Darlene Pilcher, Jim Reynolds, Gigi Smith, Delores Staton, and Mary Welken. Friends, Dick Aunspaugh, Nancy Hendrickson, and Lois Trask were also present. Guest and FOLTC webmaster Robert Harford was also present.

Board members not present: Judith Lee and Elaine Roberts.

II. President's Report

President Welken welcomed everyone and asked everyone to introduce themselves since we had guests attending.

III. Minutes

The minutes of the October 10, 2023 board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Marcia Aunspaugh moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Jim Reynolds; passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Jim Reynolds presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023. Beginning balance was **\$21,995.70**. Total income was **\$10,252.49**. Total expenses were **\$9,336.55**. The balance as of November 30, 2023 is **\$22,911.64**, with encumbered funds of **\$6,100.00** and with unencumbered funds of **\$13,929.81**. The financial report was accepted.

V. Library Reports

Ann Lewis, Branch Manager MRL reported Tuesday afternoon programs have 12 - 18 kids participating. The Writing Workshop for adults was well received and attended. Upcoming programs in the next few months include hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive; a Christmas Grinch event; programs for families during the holiday break. She has become involved with the Young Harris Main Street Project where a reading bench and garden area will be placed on the library grounds. Adult programming will move to mid-day events during the winter when the days are short.

Kevin Kirby, Branch Manager of TCPL reported the Fall Festival had about 20 people; Story Time with Meredith is doing well with 8 – 20 participants; adult programming is afternoon bingo; upcoming programs will be Cookies with the Grinch; programs with the Master Gardeners building birdhouses and the Backyard Bird Count.

VI. Book Bunch ‘n Lunch

Gigi Smith reported the January book will be The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald. The February book will be The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton.

VII. Corresponding Secretary

Judith Lee was absent but sent her report by email. Thank you notes were sent to VFW Aux Dept of Georgia, Garrett-Owenby, Barbara Hale for H & H Tradesmen, James and Mary Edwards, Suzanne Adelman, Andrea Casson and Anthony Galiano, and Joyce Frick.

VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that donations and sales have been good at both book stores and the shed is getting full. She suggested that we have an “Inventory Reduction Sale” for everything on the shelves in the bookstores at book sale prices. Re-stocking of shelves will be on hold until after the sale which will be in February. Darlene Pilcher and Delores Staton stated a need for redundancy in the procedures for the bookstore so that others can serve as backup when necessary. Suzanne Carter suggested having a training day.

IX. Bake and Pie Sales

Darlene Pilcher reported that the bake sale was a huge success and we did great.

X. Membership

Rose Carter reported that for 2023 we have 12 new members and 53 renewals with 113 current members. She noted the need for an updated form for business donations as it has not been updated since 2019. Suzanne Carter will update the form.

XI. Newsletter

Darlene Pilcher stated the deadline for the Winter newsletter is January 31.

XII. Publicity

Suzanne Carter continues to provide updates for the website and posts on FaceBook, including sharing posts from the libraries on the FOLTC FaceBook page.

XIII. Old Business

There was no old business to be discussed.

XIV. New Business

2024 Calendar – Mary Welken distributed the calendar for 2024.

XV. Election of Officers

President Mary Welken presented the following slate of officers for 2024:

President - Mary Welken

Vice President – Rose Mary Crook

Recording Secretary – Kathy Day

Treasurer – Jim Reynolds

Corresponding Secretary – Judith Lee

There were no nominations from the floor. Barbara Hale moved the slate be accepted by acclamation. Marcia Aunspaugh seconded the motion. A vote was called and the officers were unanimously elected.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m. by President Mary Welken.
The next meeting will be February 13, 2024, at TCPL.

APPROVED February 13, 2024