

**MINUTES  
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY  
BOARD MEETING  
October 14, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

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

Board members present included: Marcia Aunspaugh, Kim Brown, Rose Carter, Suzanne Carter, Rose Mary Crook, Kathy Day, Kevin Kirby, Judith Lee, Christine Osborn, Darlene Pilcher, Elaine Roberts, Shawna Rose (via Zoom), and. Friend Dick Aunspaugh was also present.

Board members not present: Mary Welken and Megan Hume.

**II. President's Report**

President Crook welcomed everyone and introduced Christine Osborn as the new Membership Chair, Elaine Roberts our new Scrapbook Chair, and welcomed Shawna Rose joining the meeting via Zoom.

**III. Minutes**

The minutes of the August 12, 2025, board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Suzanne Carter moved that the minutes be accepted The motion was seconded by Rose Mary Crook; carried unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Rose Carter presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2025 to October 13, 2025. Beginning balance was **\$26,203.71**. Total income was **\$9,746.21**. Total expenses were **\$8,683.59**. The balance as of October 13, 2025 is **\$27,266.33**, with encumbered funds of **\$5,872.26**, and unencumbered funds of **\$21,394.07**.

**V. Library Report**

Shawna Rose shared that staffing at MRL has stabilized. Kids programming has resumed. The K-Pop after hours party was a huge success. Shawna reported that she has had an offer from Marlene Cannon at the Union County Public Library that they would be willing to give Tonie figures to MRL and TCPL. Neither branch has the box required to play the audiobooks.

A motion was made by Suzanne Carter to provide \$250 to purchase two Tonies. The motion was seconded by Rose Carter; carried unanimously.

Kevin and Shawna have planned events and requested additional funds for events in November 2025 – January 2026. Some of the needs will be ornaments for the Frozen Christmas!, supplies for holiday baking competition, and books for giveaways.

A motion was made by Darlene Pilcher to provide \$1,000.00 for programs at both libraries during November and December to be divided between the two branches. The motion was seconded by Rose Carter; carried unanimously.

Kevin Kirby shared that Crafternoons has been relaunched as After School Adventure with STEAM programs, and Halloween bingo. The fall festival had 40 patrons attend. Upcoming events include a Beagle and Bird themed Thanksgiving event and Frozen Christmas!

#### **VI. Book Bunch**

Kim Brown reported that at the last meeting 9 people showed up, stalling her plan to discontinue the Book Bunch. The attendees decided to forego in person meetings from November to March when many are away for the winter and to have in person meetings April to October. The reading list will continue year round.

#### **VII. Corresponding Secretary**

Judith Lee reported that thank you letters were sent to the following:

Donors: Jim and May Edwards  
Barbara Casson

#### **VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales**

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that the October book sale was going very well.

#### **IX. Bake and Pie Sales**

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

## **X. Membership**

Christine Osborn reported October 2025 membership is as follows:

71 current members consisting of 2 business, 13 donor, 6 family, 1 honorary, 23 individual, 8 life, 14 patron, and 4 sponsor. There were 6 renewals.

## **XI. Newsletter**

Darlene Pilcher stated the deadline for Fall newsletter articles is October 24th.

## **XII. Publicity**

Suzanne Carter reported on her recent projects of producing and distributing the flyers to advertise the October book sale. She is working on a step-by-step checklist of what she does to promote the book sales for someone to take over in the future, and ongoing updates to the FOLTC website with Robert Harford.

## **XIII. Old Business**

Scholarship Planning: Kathy Day reported that she has been in touch with Deonne Berrong, the counselor at Towns County High School regarding ideas for establishing an FOLTC sponsored scholarship. She asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to begin the planning for a scholarship for 2026. Rose Mary Crook, Darlene Pilcher, and Kathy Day will form the committee.

## **XIV. New Business**

- a. FOLTC Accomplishments – It was decided that Rose Carter would compile this list as she has the information on things we’ve funded in her treasurer’s records.
- b. Gift card for Robert Harford, webmaster - A motion was made by Rose Carter to purchase a \$100 VISA gift card in appreciation of Robert’s efforts. The motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; carried unanimously.
- c. December meeting – a regular meeting will be held on December 9, 2025 for the election of officers. There was discussion that in 2026 we should discuss re-branding the December holiday party to have a “member appreciation” party sometime mid-year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m. by President Rose Mary Crook. The next meeting will be December 9, 2025, at Mountain Regional Library.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary)

APPROVED December 9, 2025.