

**MINUTES**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**December 9, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

President Rose Mary Crook called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m. at Mountain Regional Library, Young Harris, Georgia.

Board members present included: Marcia Aunspaugh, Rose Carter, Suzanne Carter, Rose Mary Crook, Kathy Day, Megan Hume, Judith Lee, Christine Osborn, Darlene Pilcher, Elaine Roberts, and Shawna Rose. Friends Dick Aunspaugh, Janice Cochran, Jim Reynolds, and Trish Reynolds were also present.

Board members not present: Kim Brown, Kevin Kirby, and Mary Welken.

**II. President's Report**

President Crook welcomed everyone and made a special presentation to Jim Reynolds, the outgoing FOLTC Treasurer. FOLTC recognized Jim's 15 years of service with a Lifetime Membership and a Visa gift card.

**III. Minutes**

The minutes of the October 13, 2025, board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Suzanne Carter moved that the minutes be accepted. The motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; carried unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Rose Carter presented the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2025 to November 30, 2025. Beginning balance was **\$26,203.71**. Total income was **\$16,275.41**. Total expenses were **\$9,946.93**. The balance as of November 30, 2025 is **\$32,532.19**, with encumbered funds of **\$6,968.69**, and unencumbered funds of **\$25,563.50**.

Rose shared that FOLTC received a sizeable donation in the amount of \$5,000.00 in November. Peach State Credit Union has issued a debit card on the FOLTC account for the treasurer to use to pay directly for expenses. Rose has researched the option of FOLTC purchasing CD's (certificates of deposit) on a staggered maturity from Peach State Credit Union in lieu of carrying a large balance in the checking account which pays very little interest. She also shared a summary of credit card usage since implementing that ability in June 2025 at the 2 bookstores and for paying membership fees. Usage has been steadily increasing each month and appears to be a successful decision.

## **V. Library Reports**

Shawna Rose reported that MRL is having a raffle for a gift basket leading up to the holidays. Each time a patron checks out a Christmas themed book, they receive a raffle ticket to enter for the drawing. They will be purchasing more Tonies in January from the local toy store in Blairsville. In January they will be starting a once per month writing workshop as an adult program. They are ramping up winter kids crafts projects.

Kevin Kirby was not present.

## **VI. Book Bunch**

Kim Brown was not present

## **VII. Corresponding Secretary**

Judith Lee reported there were no notes sent out since the October meeting.

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

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that December sales and donations are down and they have been restocking out of the closet. The storage shed is empty but typically after the first of the year patrons get in a cleaning out mode and donations pick up.

## **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 December 2025 membership is as follows:

FOLTC  
November 2025 Membership Report

Business	2
Donor	15
Family	9
Honorary	1
Individual	27
Life	8
Patron	17
Sponsor	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>84</b>

She will make up a colorful, eye catching flyer to place in the bookstore.

## **XI. Newsletter**

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

## **XII. Publicity**

Suzanne Carter reported she continues to post on the Facebook page, is updating the 2026 calendar, and adding things to the website.

## **XIII. Old Business**

- a. Vote on the following proposed ByLaws change:

### **AMEND ARTICLE 7.2.5**

The Treasurer shall receive all dues and contributions and hold the funds of the organization in such bank as may be specified by the Board of Directors; pay the obligations from these funds at the direction of the Board (checks drawn on the account shall require the signatures of at least two officers if the amount is \$500 or more; no persons authorized to draw on the account can do so for their own reimbursement); and keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended and present a full report at each meeting.

Darlene Pilcher moved that the ByLaws be amended as presented. The motion was seconded by Rose Mary Crook; carried unanimously.

- b. Proposed Amendment to ByLaws – A proposed amendment to Article 7.2.5 was recommended to add the following: “hold the funds of the organization in such bank/investment,” and “unless the second signator has agreed via email.”

The proposed change will be voted on at the February 10, 2026 board meeting.

## **XIV. New Business**

- a. Needs for the 2 library branches from the \$5000 donation – Shawna was asked that she and Kevin start thinking of needs at MRL and TCPL to use this large donation. She was reminded that FOLTC funds cannot be used for facilities needs.
- b. 2026 Calendar and Creative Crafts Social Group – Suzanne Carter has prepared the calendar for 2026 and has made the decision to discontinue the Creative Crafts group as there have not been enough participants.

- c. Election of Officers –  
President Rose Mary Crook presented the following slate of officers for 2025:

President - Rose Mary Crook  
Vice President – Mary Welken  
Recording Secretary – Kathy Day  
Treasurer – Rose Carter  
Corresponding Secretary – Judith Lee

There were no nominations from the floor. A vote was called and the officers were unanimously elected

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m. by President Rose Mary Crook. The next meeting will be February 10, 2026 at Towns County Public Library.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

APPROVED February 10, 2026