

# Friends of Georgia Libraries Board of Directors Meeting November 6, 2009

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## Minutes

Friends of Georgia Libraries Board of Directors Meeting  
Smyrna Public Library, Smyrna, Georgia  
November 6, 2009, 4:00 p.m.

Attending: President Bede Mitchell, Jane Hildebrand, Lyn Hopper, Bill Starr

Absent: Liz Camp, Arlys Ferrell, Chuck Gibson, Claudia Gibson, Terry Kay, Cindy Perryman, Elaine Yontz, Wally Eberhard & Lamar Veatch

Bede called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

## Minutes:

- Minutes of the September 18 meeting were distributed beforehand. There were no additions or corrections. Bede declared the minutes approved.

## Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's Report: Arlys submitted a treasurer's report prior to the meeting, with a treasury balance of \$5,489.27.

## Committee Reports:

- Finance & Fundraising: no report, which led to a discussion of getting others involved in FOGL committees.

- Membership: 113 are paid for 2009-2010; 19 of these are Friends of Library groups; 2 are libraries (Chattahoochee Valley Regional and DeKalb County). Bede suggested we highlight new / renewing members on the website, in the newsletter.

- Nominating: Bede will invite current board members to volunteer for a nominating committee of 3 people.

- Speakers Bureau: We agreed to budget \$500 for this year, and it looks as though we'll stay within that. We have promoted the speakers bureau through the newsletter and on web page. The FOGL president should be responsible for finding speakers upon request. Lyn will ask Darin to put Bede on the distribution list for the information requests coming through the website.

- COMO Report: Offered two programs for trustees/Friends; very poor turnout, with about 10 at the program by consultant Illene Roggensack and 6 at the "What's Up With Friends and Trustees" program. This is in part due to the scheduling of many concurrent sessions (most COMO programs had small attendance), but also because Friends and trustees generally do not attend COMO conferences.

- Final Details for Fall Workshop: Bede will arrive at 9:00 or so. At 10:00, there will be a brief welcome from Mike Seigler or Jim Wooten. Bede will introduce Peter Pearson, and Bill will introduce Joshilyn Jackson. Jane will help at registration. We'll ask Carol Stanley to emcee the drawing at the end of the day.

- Judging Awards: Have had the FOGL Best Friend award, and now have invited nominations for the Fabulous Friends award. Bede would like to have the full board do the reviews for those awards.

New business:

- Building FOGL budget—Bede will work with Arlys to develop.
- National Library Legislative Day—NLLD will not be in May this year, but will be held June 28 in conjunction with the ALA Conference. Bede said we should try to find a Friend rather than a board member to attend, but Bede is going and can represent FOGL if needed.
- Annual meeting—Jane suggested Jack McDevitt as a possibility for an author, and she will confer with Bill Starr in the morning about approaching him. Jane suggested Fundraising ideas as a topic, with show and tell component. We could possibly invite people from the “Fabulous Friends” winner group to do a presentation.
- It was suggested that we get some lapel pins, T-shirts, or other promotional items.
- The board members present want to propose an all-day planning retreat, possibly February 12, at a state park. Little Ocmulgee State Park was suggested. One idea was for each board member to bring a potential member.
- Bill will send some names of people who might be interested in serving on the board.

Next meeting:

- The next board meeting will either be at the February 12 retreat or tied to the Georgia Library Day event February 25.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 p.m.

Lyn Hopper, Secretary