

**1/15/16**

**Present:** Kathy Ash, George Tuttle, Dan Aldridge, Keith Schuermann, Wendy Cornelisen (sp?), Bel Outwater, Lorraine Flanders, Chris Snell

Called to order at 12:17 pm

Minutes approved unanimously

Keith reported a balance of \$2751.54 as of 1/13/16

- Recruitment letter ongoing – hope to bring in an additional \$300-\$400 in membership fees
- Letter vs email – physical reminder is better
- Mail a letter to each physical building
- Include information about spring workshop in letter
- Motion to draft letter and follow up with phone calls – Keith
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dan
  - Passes unanimously
- FOGL will pay postage & GPLS supply mailing list

George – change membership to a one-time fee? And change to fundraisers? How do we get bodies involved?

#### **Legislative report – Wendy**

- Sandra Deal \$1 per capita
  - GA Library Council – making a push for materials budget of \$1 per capita (total \$10 million)
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> – day at the capitol; GPLS supplying hot dogs; FOGL handing out chocolate

#### **Old Business –**

- Grants & Awards
  - Fabulous Friends (group) – Friends of the Houston County Public Library
  - Best Friend (individual) – Dr. Adrienne Butler, Pierce County Friends
- Motion to award awards to nominees – Bel
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> – Keith
  - Passes unanimously

\*author grant – any conflict with board member’s affiliate groups? Discussion proved no.

- Spring Workshop – April 22 @ Athens Regional
  - Joshilyn Jackson confirmed as speaker
  - Title?
  - Awards portion during business session
  - Corner Bookstore as book vendor
  - Kathy, Dan, & Bel work on agenda for meeting
  - Catered lunch – ask Athens staff for recommendation
  - TAB board – Devera speak @ Spring Workshop

- ALA – National Legislative Library Day
  - Dan go?
  - Training from the state library

#### **New Business –**

- Toombs County wants to start a Friends group – sending examples of by-laws
  - Incorporate on their own?
  - State tax exemption – on their own
  - Bel offered to field questions & help their library
- Step by step guide to starting a Friends group? Something FOGL could start
- George – partner w/ GPLS to provide web space for websites
  - Wendy – groups partner with local libraries?
  - George – FOGL offer service & not go through libraries
  - Questions:
    - Server space?
    - IT support?
    - Access?
    - Security?
    - Protocol?
    - Updates?

Adjourned 1:08 pm

Next meeting Mar 4 @ 12pm @ GPLS

- Alternate location: McDonough