

# Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2016

## **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries was called to order at 12:00 PM on March 4, 2016.

## **Present**

Kathy Ash, Beth Ratliff, Chris Snell, Rita Spisak, Belinda Outwater, Wendy Cornelison-GPLS Liaison, George Tuttle and Dan Aldridge

## **Call to Order & Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

## **Treasurers Report**

A balance of 2936.51 in the checking account as of 03/03/2016. \$185 in memberships were received. The Awards will be paid out next month. The Author Appearance Grant will also be paid after LaGrange Friends hold their meeting with Terry Kay.

## **Old Business**

Wendy is continuing to research the library support license plate. Information learned so far: We must have 1000 pre-orders and our proceeds will be 10 dollars per plate.

The annual meeting will be held in Athens on April 22, 2016 with guest author Joshilyn Jackson speaking. Door prizes are needed. Also discussed: Allowing libraries to bring pamphlet of their upcoming events.

A new unified message will continue to be spread:

- Friends helping Friends
- Organizational Support
- Grants and Awards
- Love you Library

The blog is up and running and in need of articles or events. Please send any information you would like posted to [Fogblog@gmail.com](mailto:Fogblog@gmail.com)

## **New Business**

Nominations for new board members were given Dr. Cara Richardson, Shana Thornton, David Rollison and Kathie Ames

These will be presented at the annual meeting along with the slate of officers and returning board members.

The slate of officers for the next election was drafted: Dan Aldridge- President, Belinda Outwater-Vice President, Keith Schuermann- treasurer, Beth Ratliff-secretary

Panels for the annual meeting will be based on our new unified message.

Ideas for “Swag” were presented. A notebook and pen were at the top of the list. Belinda will check prices.

The idea was proposed to have a contest to design the license plate for Friends of Libraries. It must say “Friends” and “Library” also meet the criteria for the state.

Upcoming events: ALA will be in Atlanta in January 20-24, 2017, Legislative Day at the Georgia capital will be held the last week of January and National Legislative Day will be held in May. Dan will be representing FOGL in Washington in May.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by FOGL President Kathy Ash. The next general meeting will be at 9:30 AM at the Athens-Clark Public Library on April 22, 2016.

Minutes submitted by: Beth Ratliff