

Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries was called to order at 12:00 PM on May 20, 2016 at the McDonough Public Library by President Dan Aldridge.

Present

Dan Aldridge, Kathy Ash, Belinda Outwater, Kathy Ames, George Tuttle, Chris Snell, Cara Richardson, Shana Thorton, Beth Ratliff

Call to Order & Approval of Minutes- No previous minutes for approval

Treasurers Report

A balance of 2194.13 in the checking account as of 05/20/2016.

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. Because of the long process involved this item was tabled until more research can be done to insure the pre-order amount can be reached.

A new unified message will continue to be spread:

- **F**riends helping **F**riends
- **O**rganizational Support
- **G**rants and Awards
- **L**ove you Library
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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

Dan thanked the board for allowing him the opportunity to attend National Legislative Day in Washington. He found it very informative and praised Wendy's excellent job on coordination. Dan mentioned that the local congressional aides are open to meeting with FOGL to inform them about library needs.

New Business

Kathy Ames suggested a front prestige license plate be sold to garner support and interest in FOGL. This item was discussed and tabled for pending research in to cost and possible sales numbers.

Como registration will be sent in for FOGL to again have a table and also present a workshop. The presentation will focus on FOGLs new unified message and split in to four sections. More details will be discussed at the August and September meetings.

Kathy Ames suggested that FOGL make contact with the directors at their summer meeting. Kathy Ash suggest that Dan offer to speak briefly with the directors.

FOGL needs to have more presence in the state. George will see if there is a list of all Friends groups FOGL could contact. Dan suggested FOGL board members speaking at Friends group meetings.

Wendy will be asked to provide a list of all directors in the state for contact concerning their friends group.

Kathy Ames suggested that webinars be done about specific Friends related topics. Shana offered to help with this project. George will look into costs of the videos. Also discussed was putting the videos on You Tube and linking them for easy use by Friends groups.

Chris proposed the idea of a regional feast party to promote FOGL. Bel suggested doing these geographically. Suggested that the first could be at COMO on Wednesday night. Dan will look in to this possibility. Friends Helping Friends State wide FOGL movable feast. Inquiries will be made with local Athens restaurants for food donations.

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 Dan Aldridge. The next general meeting will be at 12:00 PM, date and location to be sent out by Dan when decided upon.

Minutes submitted by: Beth Ratliff