

Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries was called to order at 12:30 PM on November 18, 2016 at Georgia Public Library Services by President Dan Aldridge.

Present

Dan Aldridge, Beth Ratliff, Keith Schuermann, Kathy Ames, Rita Spisak, George Tuttle, Wendy Cornelison-GPLS Liaison, Lorene Flanders, and Chris Snell and Belinda Outwater via phone

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved as distributed via email.

Treasurer Report

FOGL account balance is 1354.13 as of 11/16/16. Chattooga Friends joined FOGL in November.

Old Business

Dan discussed the possible upcoming merger with the GLA Division of Friends, Advocates, and Trustees. A motion was made to investigate the ramifications of a merger. Seconded and approved. A bylaw committee will be formed to look into merging the bylaws of both groups with FOGL the surviving entity. Committee volunteers: Rita, Beth, Kathy Ames, Bel and Lorene Pros and Cons discussed. Several questions were raised to be investigated.

- Belinda- we need to have more members that are not staff and that a merger would mean more exposure for FOGL
- Rita- will FOGL members need to join GLA? Already a great deal of overlap between member lists. Needs low membership fee
- Keith- we would have access to marketing, money, and membership
- Kathy Ames- She has experienced little to no communication from GLA in the past. Need to have personal contact with money people/fundraising. Merger could be a vehicle for reaching out to all people in the state.
- Beth- The GLA division is currently lacking in members. Rita is the new chair and Beth is the chair-elect of the GLA division, so there is current FOGL representation.

Prestige License Plates discussed. Dan researched the costs and details. 250 plates costing 1.95 each with a 70-dollar set up fee and 35 for art. Shipping time would be 2-3 weeks. Plates could

be sold to state Friends groups for small profit for them to sell for a price of their choosing. Lorene will see if we can sell them at ALA midwinter at the GLA booth, look into sales tax rules. George suggested we email the list to see if there is an interest before ordering. Wendy- this could help spread the FOGL message as well.

New Business

A motion was made, voted and approved to revamp the FOGL membership levels.

Categories of Membership: Individual \$10, Local Friends Group \$50 provides benefits for up to five local Friends members, Premium Membership \$100, Silver Membership \$250, Gold Membership \$500, Platinum Membership \$1000

For premium, silver, gold, platinum and corporate sponsors items of appreciation were discussed such as: a certificate, acknowledgment publicly at annual meeting and in print, to provide ad space on web or a plaque.

Renewal notices will be sent out in March prior to the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting Committee was formed. Belinda will chair. Several will assist. Possible speaker- John Lewis. Meeting will be April 28, 2017 at the DeKalb County Library in Decatur.

Georgia Libraries Conference October 4-6, 2017: Columbus, GA

The annual joint conference of the GLA and the Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (GAIT). FOGL may again have a table in the vendor hall. Beth suggested we make signage with photos, event information, and what FOGL has to offer.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by Dan Aldridge. The next general meeting day and location will be sent out by Dan in January.

Minutes submitted by: Beth Ratliff