

Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2018

Opening

The meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries was called to order at 12:00 PM at GPLS Offices in Atlanta.

Present

Dan Aldridge, Beth Ratliff, George Tuttle, and Sharon Lyon. Belinda Outwater was in attendance via telephone.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer Report

Keith sent a reported an account balance of \$1014.97 as of August 23, 2018.

Old Business

Status of Memorandum of Understanding with GLA

Dan will be sending a final copy of the bylaws and Memorandum of Understanding between FOGL and GLA after some language in both documents is changed to reflect requested additions by GLA.

Status of GLASS Friends Group

Dan will be working closely with GLASS to get a group up and running. He attended a luncheon with the Lion's Club and GLASS. Several employees and GLASS volunteers were in attendance. There are five potential board members for the GLASS-Atlanta Friends group.

New Business

Dan, Keith, and Kathy Ash will be presenting to Friends and library managers at the Northeast Georgia Regional Library System on September 18 at 10 AM in Rabun County. Dan asked the participants to send question before the meeting so FOGL members could answer those without the other participants knowing who asked the question to make the meeting more comfortable for all in attendance. This may become a wonderful format in the future to protect the privacy of presentation attendees.

October 2018 Annual Meeting and Presentation at GLC.

The Georgia Library Conference will be October 3-5, 2018 in Columbus, Georgia.

The FOGL/GLTFAA business meeting will take place on Thursday, October 4, 2018, at 8:00 AM in Room 203.

FOGL will be presenting Wednesday 2:30pm-3:15pm and the topic is: The Value of "Friends": Building a Friends Group with a Relationship that Works in Room 213. The program lists our presentation as the following: *Ask not what your Friends group can do for you —ask what you can do for your Friends Group! Do you want to help your Friends group succeed but are not*

sure where to start? Are you in need of assistance from your Friends Group for various program funding but are unsure as to how to get them involved? Do you wish your library and your library friends knew more about how you can help each other? Come hear from Friends of Georgia Libraries board members about how to help your Friends draft a Memorandum of Understanding to help define your relationship.

We will formulate the format and answers to these questions at the board meeting in late September.

Dan will be speaking at the Muscogee County Friends meeting on September 10 at 6 PM.

2019 Spring workshop

The FOGL spring workshop will be held on April 26, 2019, at the Fayette County Public Library in Fayetteville, Georgia. There is a large meeting room and adjacent kitchen. The Friends of Fayette County Public Library will be providing breakfast. The tentative plans are: **Theme:** In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the moon landing, Summer Reading theme is space, and that will be the theme of our meeting as well, in hopes to start Friends members thinking of summer reading library needs.

Speakers: Suggested Karin Slaughter, Congressman John Lewis, Collin Kelley (local Fayette author and founding member of Fayette Friends) and James and Kim Davis-authors of Pete the Cat.

Workshop sessions: Based on some feedback from this year's workshop, session topic suggestions are:

- Building a social media presence for your Friends group to promote fundraising/events;
- Advocating for your Friends and library in your community;
- Grants- where to find them and how to apply; and
- How to grow your group.

Chris Snell and Beth are checking on the availability of the authors as well as local restaurants for lunch options.

FOGL will be sending the past survey back out to Library Directors and Managers for feedback concerning their Friends Groups.

Advocacy for Macon-Bibb County funding issues was discussed. Bel reported that the crisis is over for now. FOGL will take no action at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Aldridge. The next meeting will be in September (TBA) at the Sharon Forks Branch in the Forsyth County Library System.