

Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

Winder Public Library

November 16, 2018

Opening

The regular meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries was called to order at 12:16 PM by President Dan Aldridge.

Present

Dan Aldridge, Beth Ratliff, Bel Outwater, Wendy Cornelisen-GPLS Liaison, George Tuttle, Rita Spisak, Keith Schuermann, Kathy Ames, and Sharon Lyon (phone)

Last Meeting

The previous meeting was the annual business meeting in Columbus in October; with the merger being stalled, only business item was electing Board of Directors.

Financial Report

Keith reported that the FOGL account balance is \$1034.97 as of 11/15/2018.

Two new memberships.

We are currently locked out of the Paypal Account. We are working on untangling the process with a Paypal employee who deals with charitable giving.

Membership renewal reminder going out through Mailchimp December 15th. Discussion as to whether we should also send out a “snail mail” reminder with labels on envelopes that say “membership renewal enclosed” to differentiate from junk mail.

GLA Workshop Report

Very positive feedback; well attended.

Old Business

Incorporation of Friends of GLASS Atlanta: identified 7 potential Board members. Looking at bylaw provisions, deciding on a bank. Fundraising netted \$100 with promised commitments of \$50-60. Goal is \$140 to incorporate.

Merger with GLA: @ the Oct business meeting, the decision was tabled until the GLA Board meets on Dec 11th, due to concerns that GLA has with the structure of the division. Jennifer Lautzenheiser reached out to Dan and outlined two options that GLA felt would resolve the problem. Dan plans to attend the December 11 meeting. Rita further explained that although this merger has been two years in the making, communication on GLA’s end between outgoing and incoming board members has been spotty and so not everyone was aware of the details. Jennifer is creating a packet for the meeting that will include FOGL’s advocacy and budget. Pros and cons of proceeding with the merger were discussed; motion to table the merger for the time being and let future boards proceed if they want made by Dan. Seconded by Kathy. Passed.

Spring Workshop: ideas for lunch speaker discussed. Dan going to pursue Mike Thurmond. Session suggestions – building a social media presence, advocacy, and growing groups. Will be at the Fayette County Library.

Library Directors Survey: Wendy will put together an online survey.

New Business

Board Development Committee/Associates of GA Friends: Dan wishes to identify potential Board members and get them involved/educated through this process rather than immediately joining the board. Dan has identified a few potential people already.

FOGL Grants & Awards: Jill Joplin from Dekalb County asked if our award/grant money could be used for program-related expenses as opposed to just paying the author. Answer is yes.

Request for help from Ida Hilton Public Library in Darien, GA – Dan reached out.

Baldwin Co/Milledgeville Library Funding -- waiting to see how it plays out. Dan will let the director know that we are available to assist in whatever way needed.

Next board meeting – January 25th at noon in Winder.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Aldridge.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bel Outwater