

Friends of Georgia Libraries

Meeting Minutes

Winder Public Library

March 22, 2019

Opening

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

Present

Dan Aldridge, Beth Ratliff, Bel Outwater, George Tuttle, Kathy Ames, Keith Schuermann, and Sharon Lyon (phone) and Wendy Cornelisen (phone).

Secretary's Minutes from last meeting

Minutes from last board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Total balance as of 3/21 is \$1978.27.

Old Business

- 1) Annual Meeting: food list covered. Workshops are good even if SCORE does not come through. Mike Thurmond is the featured lunch speaker. His publisher will supply books for purchase; we are covering travel expenses.
- 2) Grants & Awards: no applications for Fabulous Friends. Best Friend award going to Commerce Public Library. Author grant we will award to two groups – the Winder Public Library and the Camden County Public Library.
- 3) Donated books: could bring in \$500
- 4) Director Survey Results: Sharon will send out letters of thanks and offers of assistance to each group. Most common needs are MOU, growth, strengthening, HT create a group.
- 5) Albany Friends group dissolving
- 6) **Request for help from Ida Hilton Public Library in Darien, GA:** Friends group is potentially dissolving; asked Dan to meet with them and help work out financial issues in March. Dan set up the meeting to try and get the Board of Trustees and the Friends group working together. There was a request for a “Strengthening Your Friends Group” presentation at that meeting and somehow now the Trustees don't want to talk to the Friends.

New Business

- 1) Request from Dekalb County: they have an alliance of Friends groups within their system. Should that stay? Or should they do something different?

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Dan Aldridge at 12:53 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bel Outwater