

Friends of Georgia Libraries Board

Meeting Minutes

Via Zoom

February 26, 2021

Opening

The regular meeting of the Friends of Georgia Libraries Board was called to order at by President Beth Ratliff at 12:00 pm.

Present:

Board Members: Beth Ratliff, Bel Outwater, George Tuttle, Kathy Ash, Jodie Barger, Ruth Arthur, Bea Scalf, Dan Aldridge, Kathy Ames; GPLS Liaison Wendy Cornelisen; RACL Liaison Sonya Gaither

Secretary's Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from January 29 meeting – Beth. Second – Kathy. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Balance \$3707.10. Working on setting up online banking access.

Plans for April Coffee Chat

- Proposed date April 16th @ 10 am
- Proposed topic: "Gaining and Retaining Members"; pair with some advocacy information about how libraries work

Update on Friends groups

- Dan met with the group from the Bowman Library, about 10 people. Dan left them with a ton of info and he is pretty confident they will move forward
- There is interest in reviving the Elberton Friends group
- Dan mentioned following up with the Ellenwood Library in Dekalb County

Update on Collaboration with North & South Carolina groups

- Sent out some sample MOUs
- Met with United for Libraries rep and waiting for feedback
- Looking for ways to share information and resources across the Southeast, including TN

FOGL Membership

- Should we offer a discounted Friends group membership rate while we are virtual and not offering in person workshops?
- Motion to drop group membership rate to \$25 – Kathy. 2nd – Ruth. Motion carries.
- If groups have already paid the \$50 for 2021, then they will be covered through 2022.
- We currently have 40+ group memberships and 40-50 individual memberships.

Website

- George, who currently manages our site, is cycling off the board.
- Researching a new hosting site – possibilities are Shopify, Wix, Squarespace
- GPLS will help us handle the migration

Newsletter

- Kathy and Bea would like to revive our newsletter
- Everyone needs to send a photo and paragraph or two to Bea by March 25th on what is working for their Friends group.

- Newsletter will go out to membership list, library directors via GPLS, and on FOGL social media

Next Board Meeting

- Friday, March 26 via Zoom

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Kathy Ash. 2nd – Kathy Ames. Adjourned 1:29 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bel Outwater.