

**MINUTES**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**April 12, 2022**

**I. Call to Order**

President Mary Welken called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. at Mountain Regional Library, Young Harris, GA.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Marlene Cannon, Suzanne Carter, Rose Carter, Kathy Day, Judith Lee, Jim Reynolds, Elaine Roberts, Gigi Smith, and Mary Welken. Friends Jane Farrell and Linda Worl were present. Visitors from Ferst Readers included Janice Cochran.

Board members not present: Darlene Pilcher and Delores Staton,.

**II. President's Report**

President Welken welcomed all to the meeting. Mary reported that Anna Dancu has resigned from her position as Vice President of FOLTC. The position is open and we are looking for a replacement.

**III. Minutes**

The minutes of the February 8, 2022 board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Jim Reynolds moved that the minutes be accepted with corrections; motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Jim Reynolds distributed the Treasurer's Report for the period of January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. Beginning balance was **\$24,305.50**. Total income was **\$2,104.62**. Total expenses were **\$1,055.00**. The balance as of March 31, 2022 is **\$25,355.12**, with encumbered funds of **\$6,475.00**, and with unencumbered funds of **\$18,880.12**. The financial report was accepted

Jim reported that he would be paying ½ of the funds for the 2022 summer reading program to MRLS now, for them to use toward expenses incurred during the remainder of their fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The remainder will be disbursed after July 1, 2022.

**V. Library Report**

Marlene Cannon shared that there have been a number of events at the libraries in the last 3 months for ages infant to adults. The Family Bake-Off was a huge success with 16 families participating. This quarter includes STEAM projects

directed by Kevin Kirby. First Readers read to children at the libraries twice a month. She shared that the number of patrons is steadily climbing. Mountain Regional Arts & Crafts Guild has begun holding 2 adult art classes per month at TCPL and the number of participants is increasing each time. Conversations have begun with local health care providers to find ways the local libraries can support need for telehealth and provide access to Georgia Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled (GLS). There are two new employees, Amanda at MRL and Meredith at TCPL.

#### **VI. Book Bunch 'n Lunch**

Gigi Smith reported the April book will be The Year the Lights Came On by Terry Kaye. The May book will be The Husband's Secret by Liane Moriarty and the June book will be 28 Summers by Elin Hildebrand. Multiple copies of the chosen titles are available at the library circulation desks for book club members.

#### **VII. Corresponding Secretary**

Judith Lee reported that thank you letters were sent to Barbara and Bob Bone, Marilyn Brown, David Geiger, M.O. Proctor, Deborah Reynolds, James and Linda Worl, Noel and LaJean Turner, and Diana Gutenstein. Congratulations card sent to Tammy Wells.

#### **VIII. Bookstore/Book Sales**

Marcia Aunspaugh reported that currently donations are low so we need to do what we can to encourage book donations. She expressed the need for a sign at TCPL in a more prominent location to guide people to the bookstore. Marlene said there is an existing sign that can be re-hung at the entrance to the bookstore.

Suzanne Carter made a motion to purchase bookshelves for both bookstores so that all of the shelving will be owned by FOLTC with a maximum limit of \$2000. (1 tall for TCPL, 3 tall for MRL and 2 short for MRL). The motion was seconded by Rose Carter; passed unanimously.

#### **IX. Bake and Pie Sales**

There is no chairperson for this committee and no plans at present for future book or bake sales.

#### **X. Membership**

Rose Carter reported she has been sorting through the membership records to make them consistent and to determine more precisely the number of members by category. She has sent out renewal reminders for all whose membership expired prior to 2021. The new tally is 164 total members with 93 members current through 2022.

## **XI. Newsletter**

Darlene Pilcher was not present. She sent the message that the deadline for newsletter articles is May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **XII. Publicity**

Suzanne Carter stated she will write an article for the newspaper regarding our need for donations. She has ordered a new sign for the MRL bookstore to replace the one that was destroyed in a storm.

## **XIII. Old Business**

- a. National Library Worker Day was Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> and gift cards were delivered to all staff at the libraries
- b. Book donation bin at TCPL has been put in place
- c. Book shelves for both bookstore locations will be ordered per motion above.

## **XIV. New Business**

- a. Towns County Commissioners Challenge Grant Mary Welken will get in touch with Cliff Bradshaw to set up a date to present the checks
- b. Peach State FCU – we have received the 4<sup>th</sup> of 5 donations of \$500.
- c. Chamber of Commerce membership – Jim Reynolds has renewed our membership.
- d. Fall Bake Sale – it was decided we will not have a fall bake sale.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. by President Mary Welken.

The next meeting will be June 7, 2022 (this is a change of date from June 14), at 1:00 p.m. at TCPL.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

APPROVED June 7, 2022