

**MINUTES**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES OF TOWNS COUNTY (FOLTC)**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 8, 2019**

**I. Call to Order**

President Suzanne Carter called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at Towns County Public Library.

Board members present were: Marcia Aunspaugh, Suzanne Carter, Kathy Day, Peggy Keys-Burrell, Judith Lee, Elaine Roberts, Elaine Vickers and Tammy Wells. Others in attendance included TCPL Branch Manager Debbie Phillips, Friends Richard Colvard, Barbara Hale, Delores Staton, Liza Strub, Mary Welken, Jim Worl, and Linda Worl.

Board members not present: Amy Barrett, Darlene Pilcher, Jim Reynolds, Gigi Smith, and Doris Tilly.

**II. President's Report**

President Carter welcomed the seven Friends to the meeting and thanked them for their willingness to become involved.

**III. Minutes**

The minutes of the August 13, 2019 Board meeting were presented by Kathy Day. Tammy Wells moved that the minutes be accepted; motion was seconded by Marcia Aunspaugh; passed unanimously.

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Jim Reynolds was unable to attend. In his absence, Suzanne Carter reported that the beginning balance as of January 1, 2019 was **\$18,994.96**. The balance as of August 28, 2019 is **\$19,541.51**.

**V. Library Reports**

Neither Vince Stone nor Claudia Gibson were able to attend.

Peggy Keys-Burrell reported that the children were really enjoying Marlene Cannon as the leader for weekly story time at Mountain Regional Library. She submitted a request from Marlene Cannon for financial support by FOLTC for MRL's Halloween Day activities. She wants to give a new book to the first 25 children who attend that day.

Marcia Aunspaugh moved to provide \$150 to Mountain Regional Library for Halloween activities; seconded by Judith Lee; passed unanimously.

Debbie Phillips reported that at Towns County Public Library, the total July attendance at story time was 491 children; 67 children signed up for the summer reading program and a total of 3,120 books were read. October 21, 2019 marks 5 years in the newly renovated building. The first Craft of the Month activity for the “Maker Space” will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be knitted pumpkins taught by Donna Howell. They plan to use seasonal and/or holiday themes for the Craft of the Month activities. TCPL will once again be participating in the Haunted Jail event for Halloween in Hiawassee. They will have a table to give out books, pencils and candy to kids as they exit past the library. Debbie requested \$150 from FOLTC to support this event.

Tammy Wells moved to provide \$150 to Towns County Public Library for Halloween literacy activities; seconded by Kathy Day; passed unanimously.

## **VI. Corresponding Secretary**

Judith Lee reported that she has sent out 11 pieces of correspondence since the meeting in August. (See list attached to approved minutes.) These included thank you letters and acknowledgements for patron donations, business members and local businesses that have provided in-kind services to the FOLTC. Suzanne Carter requested that a thank you note be sent to the Towns County Herald for the great book sale and pie sale coverage.

## **VII. Book Bunch ‘n Lunch**

In Gigi Smith’s absence, Barbara Hale reported there are 2 meetings remaining for 2019. The October 16<sup>th</sup> book will be Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver, discussion leader will be Virginia Tinsley. The book for November 20<sup>th</sup> is Grandma Gatewood’s Walk by Ben Montgomery, discussion leader will be Vickie Kimball. The 2020 schedule is available at the circulation desk at both libraries.

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

Marcia Aunspaugh reported new prices have been established for books at the upcoming book sale scheduled for October 17, 18 & 19, 2019. Hardbacks - \$1.50; paperbacks – 75 cents; young adults – 50 cents; children & easy readers – 25 cents; CD’s, DVD’s & audiobooks - \$1.00. Volunteers will be needed for set up before and break down after the sale.

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

Elaine Roberts has stepped in to coordinate the Thanksgiving Pie and Mini-Sourdough Bread Sale as Elaine Vickers is dealing with a family emergency. Pie orders will be taken at the upcoming book sale; sample pies will be on display to encourage people to order pies. Tammy Wells has emailed last year’s purchasers to remind them to order their pies this year. Amy Barrett has contacted the radio station to have them record a spot to promote the pie sale.

## **X. Membership**

Tammy Wells reported that efforts will be made to solicit membership renewals and new members in conjunction with the book sale.

Business Memberships: Mary Welken and Liza Strub have continued to visit local businesses to solicit business memberships. Despite their heroic efforts in visiting over 80 local businesses, this has reaped only a few memberships and has not proved to be worth the time and effort they have invested. Suzanne Carter suggested the need to form a committee and have a separate meeting to develop a targeted plan for soliciting business memberships in 2020.

## **XI. Newsletter**

Darlene Pilcher has requested all articles be submitted to her by November 1st for the Fall newsletter.

## **XII. Publicity**

Amy Barrett was unable to attend. Publicity/articles for the book and pie sales were submitted to the Towns County Herald, the local radio station, UCB electronic sign, and the Towns County Chamber of Commerce.

## **XIII. Old Business**

### **a. Fall Raffle:**

The drawing was held for the 2019 Fall Raffle basket of handmade wood kitchen items at this meeting. The winner was David Sanford of Young Harris. A total of \$962 was generated from ticket sales.

## **XIV. New Business**

- a. Resignation of Jan Roberts:** Suzanne Carter reported that she has received a letter of resignation from Immediate Past President Jan Roberts, effective immediately (copy attached).
- b. Nominating Committee:** Barbara Hale, Judith Lee and Darlene Pilcher have agreed to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. Nominees will be sought to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Elections will be held at the December meeting.
- c. Location of Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. at the Campus Gate Art Gallery on the campus of Young Harris College. Refreshments will be served.

- d. Peach State Federal Credit Union: Suzanne Carter received an email from Scott Roland, Regional Business Executive with Peach State Credit Union. It is an invitation for board members and volunteers with FOLTC to be eligible to join the Credit Union and have access to member loan rates, fees and deposit accounts. There were a number of questions from board members. Suzanne will seek clarification from Scott Roland and report at the December 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. by President Suzanne Carter.  
Respectfully Submitted by Kathy Day, Recording Secretary

Approved December 10, 2019