

THE FRIENDS OF THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes, October 16th, 2024, 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Past President Wayne Talbot; Secretary Kathy Yancy; Assistant Treasurer Connie Mayes; President Elect Karen Harrison; Directors Ricki McMillian; Carolyn McAndrew; Don Ballard; Josie Talbot; Mindy Klein; Jody Patterson; Angela Bryant McGlothlin; Volunteer Coordinator Kathy Olmstead; and Library Director Sally Miculek.

NOT PRESENT: Chuck Collins, President; Mary Ouellette, Treasurer.

Call to Order: Past President Wayne Talbot called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Library Director's Report: Sally Miculek. Sally spoke about the Long-Range Plan and all the input received from library patrons and community members. She appreciated the help from the FOL Membership Drive participants in soliciting the comments. Steinberg Hart is reviewing all the input as they finalize their report, which will likely be completed in December.

Although the new fiscal year has begun, some of last year's projects are in various stages of completion. Sally updated us on the status of the GPL Express at Carver Center for Families: the location for the book lockers has been established. A wrap will be designed for this installation, incorporating part of the Friends' logo. Also nearing completion is Tales on the Trail at Rivery Park. It should open in January or February.

The new booths are in place in the café and are well used. New podiums are in use in the Hewlett and Friends Rooms. The Kids' Room puppet stage has been set up; the new projector for this area will be installed soon.

One project on Sally's "wish list" for 2025 is acquiring a new bookmobile. While the WOW:mobile is 10 years old, it has low mileage. The generator and air conditioners have been replaced more than once. There are several possibilities under consideration, such as resale of the bookmobile or purchasing more vans like the WOW!HD instead. Wayne inquired if the WOW:mobile is fully amortized, which it is. The City has budgeted for the replacement vehicle, but customizing will cost extra.

We discussed how Georgetown's growth is affecting decisions such as the bookmobile replacement. We recognize that our community's size already exceeds the library's ability to adequately provide services. At one time, it was thought that a branch library on the west side of town might be possible, and the Friends began to set aside money to help with that. Now, possibilities for collaboration are desired, so that existing City properties might host a "micro-branch" library installation similar to the GPL Express concept. This discussion is ongoing.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Yancy. Carolyn moved that the minutes of the August and Annual meetings be approved, and Ricki seconded. The vote was unanimous, and the minutes will be posted on the FOL website.

Consent Agenda:

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ouellette. Total revenue for fiscal year 2024 was \$167,739 and gross profit was \$164,348. Expenses totaled \$181,750. Net operating revenue equaled -\$17,402. With investment and interest income, the net revenue for the year was \$21,133. Total assets are \$423,191 as of September 30th. (All numbers are rounded to whole dollars.)

Book Sales. Second Hand Prose made \$9,477.16 in Collectors' Corner sales and \$43,533.65 in donations in fiscal 2024. Online sales totaled \$19,243.83, and the donation cart plus other donations/sales added up to \$12,353.44. The grand total for all book revenue was \$84,608.08 in 2024.

Volunteer Orientation: Kathy Olmstead. Orientation will take place today.

Membership: Mindy Klein/Josie Talbot. We have 1,347 members from 973 households as of September 30th.

Information Technology: Wayne Talbot. The Treasurers' new computer is up and running. Wayne reminded all users that the old hard drive will be available until November 1st if backups of old documents are needed.

Kathy moved that the consent agenda be approved, and Don seconded. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Lashley Award: Ricki presented the one proposal that was received and moved acceptance; Don seconded. All were in favor. We then discussed how our process could be improved. Having received only one application, we sense that enthusiasm has fallen off. Our specific timeline may be a part of the reason, and we could do a better job of promoting the award. We agreed to revise the application by January, and to look for opportunities to award funds for worthwhile projects as they arise. A poster for the staff breakroom should help generate new ideas.

New Business:

Fish City Grill: Mindy Klein. We have no date scheduled for this fundraiser, and Mindy learned that only November and December are now available for 2025. We agree that the November date would be a better choice. A new approach may be called for -- having a greeter handing out brochures, and perhaps creating FOL buttons for the waitstaff to wear (in addition to table tents used previously). A new coordinator is needed, and volunteers who express an interest in special events would be great candidates. More work is needed on this subject, and Karen suggested we continue the discussion in November.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Kathy moved that we adjourn. Carolyn seconded, and this meeting adjourned at 11:19 a.m. Our next meeting will take place on November 20th at 9:30 a.m. in the classroom at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 20, 2024
Date