

THE FRIENDS OF THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes, July 15th, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: President Karen Harrison; President-Elect Angela Bryant McGlothin; Past President Chuck Collins; Secretary Kathy Yancy; Treasurer Mary Ouellette; Assistant Treasurer Connie Mayes; Directors Wayne Talbot, Ricki McMillian; Josie Talbot, Janet McFarland, Don Ballard, Mindy Klein; and Library Director Sally Miculek and Assistant Director Becca Sexton.

NOT PRESENT: Director Sheryl Westwick.

Call to Order: President Karen Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Library Report: Sally reminded us of the upcoming library closure August 9-16 for installation of RFID tags. A remembrance gathering for Kathy Olmstead will be held on August 1. The Summer Reading Programs are ending on July 31. The sculpture show in the library is also coming to an end for this year; awards are to be presented on Sunday afternoon before the monthly concert.

There are two new tables, paid for by the FOL, one downstairs for puzzles and the other upstairs for children's coloring.

Concerning the Long Range Plan, an implementation meeting will take place next Tuesday with the architects. The focus now is primarily on the first floor, including reconfiguration of staff work areas and potentially moving the bookstore downstairs. FOL board members and/or team members will participate.

Sally presented a list of funding requests for fiscal year 2027, which begins October 1. The total amount is larger than last year's request; purchasing power for the library and for the City is shrinking. Library programs cost more to present and they're increasingly popular. We discussed some of the categories on the list; Angela asked if we should be concerned about funding book purchases, which we regard as a basic library budget item. Ricki brought up the purchase of bestsellers, which we have funded in the past. Karen, Mindy, and Don will meet with Sally on July 29th to ask for more details and some changes to the funding request. We will continue our deliberations and vote in August.

Secretary's Report: Kathy Yancy. The minutes of the June meeting were approved and will be posted on the FOL website. Don made the motion and Janet seconded.

Consent Agenda: Kathy moved to accept the Consent Agenda, Don seconded, and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ouellette. The total revenue for June was \$9,393. Expenditures added up to \$2,529. Net revenue for the month was \$6,636. For the fiscal year to date, the net revenue is \$163,380. Total assets as of June 30 were \$558,179. (Figures are rounded to whole dollars.)

Communications Report : Angela Bryant McGlothin. The team completed a full creative cycle for the new Palace Theater partnership: creating, reviewing, approving, and delivering a playbill ad and lobby slide. The quarterly news digest was relaunched, and a new collaboration with the Hill Country Art Fair has begun.

Planning for this year's Giving Season has started, with a quote for the postcard mailing effort, and the team began preparations for the upcoming annual meeting.

Book Sales. Secondhand Prose made \$1,301.62 in Collectors' Corner sales and \$4,724.70 in donations in June. Online sales totaled \$1,921.74 and the donation cart plus other donations/sales added up to \$486.74. The grand total for all book revenue was \$8,434.80 in June.

Fundraising: Wayne Talbot: Planning and preparations are underway for Giving Season 2027.

Volunteer Orientation: Ricki McMillian. Ricki, Mindy, and Don made a list of 53 potential volunteers and sent them invitations to orientation. Five have replied affirmatively so far. A second mailing may be made. The orientation date is July 29th.

Membership: Mindy Klein. We have 1308 members from 913 households as of June 30th. Mindy met with the library volunteer coordinator to understand the background check process. Her work verifying and updating member data in Little Green Light continues, as does planning for the next orientation.

Information Technology: Wayne Talbot. Wayne reported no new tech issues. He reminded us again that computers using Windows 10 are not safe, but he can provide workarounds.

Old Business:

Palace Theater 42nd St. Partnership: Karen Harrison. Karen spoke about this collaboration, and Angela's beautiful graphics were displayed: the full page ad for the playbill, and the same design as a page for the slideshow in the library's lobby.

New Business:

Annual meeting: Karen Harrison. Karen and Barbara White will work on this, as Rita Bohn is temporarily unavailable. A program for the event includes 3 patrons giving testimonials about what the library means to them, and Chuck will ask a friend to record these speeches. Barbara will speak regarding how volunteers benefit from their work in the library and how the library benefits in return. We discussed having a door prize: possibly a gift card to Fish City Grill (Mindy will inquire) or to Lark & Owl Bookstore (Josie will inquire), or perhaps a pair of Palace Theater tickets (Angela will ask). A "Save the Date" email will go out soon to the members.

Second Hand Prose Bookmarks: Karen Harrison. Karen showed us the newly printed bookmarks. These will go into Chamber of Commerce welcome bags for new GISD and SU students.

Recognition for Kathy O.'s Service: Karen Harrison. We want to do something for the family in remembrance of Kathy Olmstead and her service to the library and to the Friends. Angela suggested a tree sapling with a medallion, and Chuck volunteered to pursue obtaining the tree. Josie's idea was to have a plaque in the lobby or in SHP. Alternately she asked about purchasing and donating a book on a topic of interest to Kathy, with a dedication inside. This was felt to be the best option, given the short time until the remembrance ceremony at the library. Don volunteered to ask Kathy's coworkers what topics she was interested in.

Other:

Karen received notice of the first Heritage Oaks Service Fair happening this week. She and Don plan to attend and display FOL materials; Margaret Ricketts may be able to join them.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Wayne moved that we adjourn. Kathy seconded, all approved, and this meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m. Our next meeting will be on August 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the classroom at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

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July 17, 2026
Date