THE FRIENDS OF THE GEORGETOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Board Meeting Minutes, August 19th, 2026, 9:30 a.m.

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

NOT PRESENT: Treasurer Mary Ouellette.

Call to Order: President Karen Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Library Report: Sally discussed the installation of RFID tags. About 90,000 items were tagged out of 111,000 total; returned items are being tagged as they come back. The system should be active in November, after staff training. Eventually the tags and software will be used for annual inventory, reducing or eliminating the need to close. Patrons could also utilize the system for self-checkout. In addition, there are other components such as Automated Materials Handling that could be added.

Programming is switching out of summer mode, now that school is in session. Sally reminded us of the Labor Day closure on September 7th.

Sally modified the funding request for fiscal year 2027after meeting with members of the board. The total amount is larger than before but incorporates the changes we discussed last month. Wayne moved approval of the revised list, Don seconded, and all were in favor. Karen will let Sally know and Connie will advise Mary. City Council also approved the library budget. One of the changes we wanted was to increase the number of new bestsellers purchased, and Karen showed us photos of a Colorado library display of bestsellers called the Lucky Day collection. Sally is familiar with the concept and we like it. These books would not be reservable and could only be checked out for a week or so. We hope to implement this.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Mary Ouellette. The total revenue for July was $14,811. Expenditures added up to $2,217. Net revenue for the month was $13,237. For the fiscal year to date, the net revenue is $96,815. Total assets as of July 31 were $571,458. (Figures are rounded to whole dollars.)

Communications Report: Angela Bryant McGlothin. The team concluded our Palace Theater partnership. The collaboration with the Hill Country Art Fair continues. The estimate for the postcard

portion of the Giving Season campaign is under $5,000. The team is making preparations for the annual meeting.

Book Sales. Secondhand Prose made $959.82 in Collectors' Corner sales and $3,467.53 in donations in July. Online sales totaled $2,465.732, and the donation cart plus other donations/sales added up to $1,061.94. The grand total for all book revenue was $7,955.02 in July.

Fundraising: Wayne Talbot: Preparations are underway for Giving Season 2026-27.

Volunteer Orientation: Ricki/Mindy/Don. The session on July 29th was attended by 7 potential volunteers; complete applications and a group photo were shared with the board. Sheryl Westwick will coordinate the next orientation on September 2nd.

Membership: Mindy Klein. We have 1301 members from 909 households as of July 31st. Mindy supervised the revision of our brochure and the corresponding revision of the mail-in application on the website. She also updated member contact information in the LGL database.

Information Technology: Wayne Talbot. Wayne reported that more donations than usual were received from the QR code on the book carts in the lobby. He worked on forms and templates for the annual meeting.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting: Karen Harrison. In Wayne's absence, a staff member will assist with audio-visual needs during the meeting. There will be door prizes, and a slideshow will run during the Volunteer Orientation segment. We reviewed the proposed slate of officers. RSVPs are coming in.

New Business:

Trailblazer Award: Ricki McMillian. Only one application was received, Ricki said, but it's a good one. The topic is Creative Arts Kits, submitted by Rachael Pattillo. The kits involve printmaking, fiber art, and custom lapel pins/buttons. Ricki moved that we approve the project and Don seconded. Everyone voted in favor; we will make the presentation during the annual meeting. This timing will bring more attention to the award and the FOL; Chuck pointed out that we ought to do more to follow up on the award winners and to publicize this in the community. Ricki also announced that Sheryl Westwick will administer this program in the new fiscal year.

Library Summit: Karen Harrison. Karen received a reply from the Pflugerville Friends group with 3 possible dates for the event. The earliest that we could commit to is December.

Other: Mindy Klein. Mindy said the meeting with Steinberg Hart architects went well. Primarily the lower floor reconfiguration was discussed, including the relocation of Second Hand Prose and the redesign of the work area. Focus groups with other stakeholders continue.

Adjournment: There being no further business, we adjourned at 10:51 a.m. Our next meeting will be the annual membership meeting on September 16th at 10:00 a.m. in the Friends Room at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen S. Yancy August 21, 2026

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