



Peachtree City Library, Incorporated
Friends of the Peachtree City Library
201 Willow Bend Road
Peachtree City, GA 30269

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
READERS & WRITERS ROOM, PEACHTREE CITY LIBRARY
January 22, 2020 - 1:00 PM

Attendees: Rebecca Watts, Jill Prouty, Tracy Ford, Lee Eltzroth, Donn Blosser, Jerry Kahn, Jody Oldham, Charlie Nelson, Ruth Arthur, Jan Allis, Dick Allis

1. Call to Order/Introductions:

- The meeting was called to order by President Lee Eltzroth and the introductions of members Charlie Nelson, Dick and Jan Allis were made.

2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- The minutes of the November 13, 2019, meeting were approved as modified.

3. President's Report:

- As part of a library staff workshop on November 25, 2019, Lee Eltzroth made a presentation to the library staff. Using a PowerPoint created by Jerry Kahn, she explained who the Friends are, the purpose of Friends as a non-profit, how they support the library and how money is earned by Friends and where it is spent. Rebecca Watts also spoke, giving a history of Peachtree City and a description of the Joel Cowan History Room.
- Lee stated that *The Citizen* newspaper did a nice job with the notice of the "Meet the Authors" event held at the library and she was pleased with the graphic they added.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- Jerry Kahn presented the Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet as of 12/31/19. These documents are provided in Attachment 1.
- Income through 12/31/19 was \$23,556.42 and expenditures were \$8,517.58
- The checking account balance as of 1/22/20, was \$28,389.69.
- FOL members will start utilizing the expense reimbursement request form in accordance with the Expense Reimbursement Policy. The IRS standard mileage rate for 2020 is \$0.14 per mile. Library staff is exempt from using the form.

- Friends has yet to receive the fund raiser check from Moe's.

5. Secretary's Report:

- Ruth Arthur reported there are 89 members, with 10 renewals since the renewal letters were sent December 2, 2019. It was suggested that we send out another request in mid-February.
- Board members signed their annual Conflict of Interest Disclosure Forms.

6. Art Initiative Report:

- Rebecca Watts reported that the Arts Sunday event for the current exhibit of fiber art will be January 25, 2020. The new art show for watercolor artists will go up on March 3, 2020. The juried art show will be in July and August but will not include photography.

7. Joel Cowan History Room Report:

- Rebecca Watts traveled to Athens, Georgia, to take the materials to be digitized to the University of Georgia. Rebecca will return Athens to research items of Peachtree City history from the 1950s and 1960s ; she will share a room with Lee, who will also be in Athens, but to attend the Green Symposium on the Decorative Arts.
- Rebecca attended a meeting of the Fayette County Historical Society and learned they are preparing for the 200th anniversary of Fayette County in 2021, with observance starting in May of 2020. The Historical Society will collect short articles of historical happenings in the county that are documented in old newspapers and various sources. The History Room volunteers will submit articles about Peachtree City's history as well as items regarding Aberdeen, Clover Reach and Shakerag.

8. Children's Library Report:

- Tracy Ford reported that the new bathrooms are finished and the Step 'N Wash steps are on order. A children's author will present a program on February 8, 2020. Plans and preparations will soon begin for the summer program.

9. Volunteers Report:

- Jody Oldham stated that 235 hours by 42 volunteers were recorded for December 2019. About 30 of those hours were spent in the History Room. The new training program established by Beth James is working out well. Volunteers are trained in a group session for the first training and individually in the second session.

10. Old Business:

- Preliminary budgets were presented and discussed.
- Paul Lentz was presented with an Honorary Life Membership certificate at the “Meet the Authors” event held on January 12, 2020.

11. New Business:

- President Lee Eltzroth stated she has spoken with web-designer Theo Rosendorf regarding a web site for Friends. She disclosed that the designer is her nephew and Lee and Jerry will meet with him to review his proposal.
- Rebecca Watts spoke to Martin Pate, a portrait artist, about doing a portrait of Floy Farr that would hang in the Floy Farr Room. She passed around his rough sketches and ideas. An unframed portrait would cost from \$6,000 to \$10,000. Suggestions for paying for the portrait include holding a fund-raiser or make the portrait a part of the 200th anniversary activities of Fayette County.
- National Library Week is April 19-25, 2020, with April 23 as “Take Action for Libraries Day.” Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting. Lee will be out of town that entire week.

12. Announcements:

- Sisters in Crime, who gave Friends of the Peachtree City Library a donation in 2019, is holding an all day ticketed event, including lunch, on March 21, 2020, in Smyrna. This event could be a good outing for the members of Friends to ride-share and meet the authors and support their organization.
- There has been an abundance of donated books to the library for our sale area. Friends of the Library member Amy Stitt is mapping the Little Free Libraries. Lee asked the Board if anyone minded if we offered some books to re-stock any empty LFL, as compliments of Friends. No one objected. Charlie Nelson stated that the *Peachtree City Magazine* did an article on these Little Free Libraries last year and he could perhaps do a follow up.
- Jill Prouty gave an update on the anthology of stories related to Peachtree City that the library is producing. She said the editors are contacting the authors with their suggestions for edits. The anthology will be 54 pages or less and will be for sale in the library.

13. Next Meeting Date:

- March 25, 2020, at 1:30 PM in the Writers Room

14. Adjourn:

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.

15. Attachments:

- Annual Financial Report 2019

Recorded by Ruth Arthur, Secretary