



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
NOVEMBER 5, 2020 – 2:00 PM

Because of precautions taken concerning the COVID 19 virus, the Board conducted a virtual meeting.

Attendees Online: Lee Eltzroth, Donn Blosser, Jerry Kahn, Tracy Ford, Cherese Cadet, Ruth Arthur

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Lee Eltzroth.

2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- The minutes of the March 31, 2020, meeting were approved as modified via email on April 23, 2020, and posted on our website at <https://ptclibraryfriends.org>.

3. President's Report:

- Lee reported that she and Jerry Kahn attended the virtual FOGL Coffee Chat held on August 21, 2020, regarding how to raise funds during the pandemic. She reported on the status of the Author Appearance Award stating that the award presentation will be arranged in early 2021. Lee also announced that Ruth Arthur would be the representative on the FOGL Board.
- Regarding the Facebook site, Friends of Peachtree City Library, Lee is looking for comments and updates. Since many people are not on Facebook, she will possibly look for another site which is less invasive.
- Lee will be spearheading work in the History Room and will begin to purchase needed items using the funds donated by an anonymous donor. The Web designer has presented another proposal. Rebecca Watts will continue with the Arts Initiative but no longer head the History Room work.

4. Treasurer's Report:

- Jerry Kahn presented Profit and Loss Statement which showed that for the period January 1, 2020, through October 31, 2020, the FOL had income of \$3,697.81 and expenses of

\$4,559.13. The Balance Sheet showed that as of October 31, 2020, the FOL assets were \$27,369.56. Details are provided in the attached P/L Statement and Balance Sheet.

- As of October 31, 2020, there was \$27,097.11 in the FOL checking account at Ameris Bank.
- Jerry also presented the 2020 Budget with actual costs and revenues through October 31.
- The pandemic severely curtailed library needs and stopped work in the Joel Cowan History and Floy Farr rooms. There was no children's book sale. Budgets for 2021 will be worked on in December and January.

5. Secretary's Report:

- Ruth Arthur reported that there are 90 members with 6 Sustaining, one Patron and no Corporate memberships. Twenty-four members have renewed for year 2020 with 5 renewing since the COVID shutdown. There has been one new membership during the COVID pandemic.
- Ruth Arthur and Jerry Kahn attended the virtual FOGL Annual Meeting on October 23, 2020; Ruth provided a summary. Two of the annual awards have been presented. Best Friend was awarded to Towns County and presented in October and Fabulous Friends was awarded to Forsyth County on November 13. The Author Appearance Grant went to Friends of the Peachtree City Library and the presentation will be scheduled later. Three directors were elected to the Board and two more (one being Ruth Arthur) will come on the Board to be voted on at the next Annual Meeting in April. FOGL wishes to have another Coffee Chat and has asked for ideas of topics of member interests.

6. Children's Library Report:

- Tracy Ford reported that Janice will order \$3,000 worth of books, one-half now and one-half in December. The Children's Library received a \$500 Constellation Grant. Discussion was had regarding having a book walk in Drake Field and possible ideas for selling children's books.

7. Art Initiative Report:

- Lee reported for Rebecca Watts that the photography club will curate its own show for November and December and there are no sponsored juried shows right now. The show for January/February is not yet set, but they are talking about a two-artist show of Michael Saweckki and Ramsey Sibaja (he was part of a three-man show in May/June in 2019). This is subject to change as they haven't yet approached the two artists. Planning will be done in January and February. Rebecca hopes to update the tri-fold that she designed, in early 2021.

8. Announcements:

- Cheresse Cadet went over the library schedule and COVID restrictions stating that a limit of 40 persons, not including volunteers, may be in the library at one time. There will be no extended hours in the near future. The library will be closed two days at both Thanksgiving and Christmas. The summer reading program was done online with mixed success. The Flint River Library System will fund the Beanstack Reading Challenges program. Cheresse called for more volunteers and they may use SignUpGenius to schedule their hours. There is no training going on now. Cheresse will be the volunteer contact person and will keep the Board informed of any activity regarding volunteers as Jody Oldham is no longer serving on the Board.

9. Old Business:

- No old business was discussed.

10. New Business:

- According to our bylaws we need to hold our annual meeting prior to the end of the year. It will be a virtual meeting on December 3, 2020 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be announced on Facebook, on the library website and an announcement will be sent to members ten days prior to the meeting.
- Sharon Marchisello, local author, has agreed to serve on the board. She will be elected at the annual meeting. If we need an additional member then Lee will be talking to other possible candidates.
- Lee continued the earlier conversation regarding raising more money for the library, including a table/booth at the PTC Farmer's Market on a Saturday and/or Wednesday morning, or having a Pop-Up book sale outside the library, two ideas that were mentioned at the FOGL Coffee Chat. There are many children's books, but we would have to come up with additional adult books, as there are no donations being taken.

11. Next Meeting Date:

- Our next meeting date after the annual meeting will be held on February 4, 2021, at 2:00 PM.

12. Adjourn:

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

13 Attachments:

- Balance Sheet and P/L Statement through October 31, 2020
- FOL 2020 Budget – October 31 Update

Recorded by Ruth Arthur, Secretary