



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

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
March 14, 2024 –11:00 AM

Attendees: Lee Eltzroth, Jerry Kahn, Susan Bloemendaal, Sharon Marchisello, Carl Hoverstad, Ruth Arthur

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Lee Eltzroth at 11:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024. The minutes will be posted on our website <https://ptclibraryfriends.org>.

3. President's Report:

- The city council meeting on March 7, 2024, was a celebration for Peachtree City's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lee spoke to the council and audience about the Friends, the Joel Cowan History Room collections, and about our purchase of the two paintings by Martin Pate of Floy Farr and Joel Cowan. She also mentioned FOL's 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary. Lee presented the Joel Cowan portrait which Martin Pate unveiled. In attendance were the daughter, granddaughters, and great grandsons of Joel and Geri Cowan. The family was quite surprised and appreciative of the painting.
- We will hear by March 30<sup>th</sup> if we were awarded the grant from Clothes Less Traveled (CLT). Lee is attending a workshop for non-profit leaders at CLT on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There is an upcoming day when all non-profits may set up a table with their information.
- Floy Farr Room: The Floy Farr timeline mentioned at the last meeting turned out to be longer than Lee thought. She no longer thinks it should be another panel, but rather a handout that can be available when people look at the exhibit. She will present it at the next meeting.

4. Secretary's Report:

- FOGL has acknowledged our FOL membership renewal and meeting registration for Lee, Jerry, and Ruth. They ask that others who plan to attend the FOGL Annual Meeting and Workshop register online as soon as possible so they can get a head count. The website is [www.friendsofgeorgia libraries.com](http://www.friendsofgeorgia libraries.com).

- The agenda for the FOGL Annual Meeting, to be held on April 5th at the Peachtree City Library, states 9:00 am to 10:00 am as registration and a library tour for those interested. The business meeting starts at 10:00 am with a welcome from the PTC Mayor. We will check with FOGL to see if our power point overview could be used to show how we present our Friends group. The full agenda is attached.

#### 5. Treasurer's Report:

- Jerry presented the Profit and Loss Statement through February 29, 2024, and the Balance Sheet as of February 29, 2024. Details are shown on the attached reports.
- The checking account balance at Ameris Bank as of February 21, 2024, is \$42,802.39.
- Jerry has applied for a Service Mark for our logo with the Georgia Secretary of State.

#### 6. Library Report:

Jill was unable to be at the meeting so sent the following report:

- Regarding the FOGL annual meeting – Mayor Learnard will do the welcome at 10:00 am. I am providing some "swag" for the attendees, pens and magnets, from the Convention and Visitors bureau.
- Floy Farr Room exhibit: Wilson (graphic designer), Maggie (Girl Scout), and I took a trip to the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at UGA to meet with their outreach folks. In summary, they recommended we use retractable banners for easy transport rather than panels as panels tend to get knocked over and damaged. (I can attest to this when I was part of the SPLOST info tour – our panels got knocked over constantly!) They also thought a couple of small portable artifact tabletops would go over well too – we can switch up the artifacts we bring with us when we visit civic groups. I just received editing privileges for the panel files; Wilson and I will be getting to work on them next week. We can probably get something to you by the end of next month to look at for comments, suggestions, etc. For reference, here is an exhibit featuring retractable banners (ours wouldn't have to have lights). <https://hampton.gov/3588/The-1619-Exhibit>
- Mary Maud Hiestand has requested I meet with a group of ladies including Geri Cowan, Brownie Jones, etc., to talk about what we are doing to collect local history. She is going to set up a day/time to meet. Lee helped me select a sample box of archival material from the History Room, which I took to Griffin last Friday for Technical Services to use as a test for cataloging our history collection in PINES. This will be HUGE as it will make historical documents searchable for researchers. I'm also working with the City's HR department to possibly get an intern this summer to assist us in the Joel Cowan History Room.

#### 7. Art Initiative:

- The March – April featured exhibit is called *Tres Jolie* showing artwork by Trish Land and Honey Corbin based on their travels in France. The art reception is on Saturday, March 16th, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm.

8. Old Business:

- We must plan for the FOGL Annual Meeting and assign duties. Ruth advised that the registration is not going well. Lee asked Jerry if FOL could pay for one or two of our members or staff to attend. The non-member fee is \$30 but that pays for a 1-year membership.

9. New Business:

- We have a guest – Anna’s friend, Carl Hoverstad is with us today. We have all read his CV and we hope he likes what he sees here.
- The Rotary Club of Peachtree City awards grants to non-profit entities such as the FOL. Online application proposals are due March 31. The grant description can be viewed at <https://peachtreecityrotary.org/page/community-grants>.
- The board reviewed and approved the “Duties of the Board of Directors”, and Jerry will send the approved copy to the board.
- Charlie Nelson, corporate member, donated copies to the board members of his publication Peachtree City Magazine Special Edition, *The Story of the Development of Peachtree City, How 15,000 acres of farmland and woods became a self-governing and award-winning city from 1956-2003*. Included with the publication was a map, Paths of Peachtree City.

10. Next Board Meeting Date:

- TBD

11. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 pm.

Attachments:

Profit & Loss Statement through February 29, 2024

Balance Sheets as of February 29, 2024

Friends of Georgia Libraries 2024 Annual Meeting and Workshop Agenda

Recorded by Ruth Arthur, Secretary