

FOTL Board Meeting 6/19/15

The Board of Directors of Friends of Tennessee Libraries met on June 19, 2015, at the Antioch Branch of the Nashville Public Library System. The Meeting was Called To Order by President Don Reynolds at 10:05AM. A Quorum was Present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gerald Beavers, Doreen Flash, Martha Gill, Wanda Graham, Rob and Lou Joyner, Janis Perry, Larry Price, Susie Ries, Don Reynolds, Dwight Shepherd, and (arriving later) Theresa Venable.

The President distributed copies of the 2014-15 Annual Report, the Procedures Manual, and the draft of 2015-16 Possible Activities.

Introductions were made since there were several new Board Members attending their first meeting: Welcomed to their first meeting were **Lou and Rob Joyner** (Union City) and **Janis Perry** (Jackson).

Dwight Shepherd made a **Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting as Submitted. MOTION CARRIED.**

The passing of long time FOTL Treasurer Ed Jared was noted. He had served FOTL faithfully on the Board since 2001. The President reported that **Connie Albrecht has agreed to serve as Interim Treasurer.** Gerald Beavers made a **Motion to appoint Connie Albrecht as Interim Treasurer and make her an authorized signatory on all Friends of Tennessee Libraries bank accounts. MOTION CARRIED.**

Beavers made a **Motion to donate \$100 to Putnam County Library Friends** (the local group that Ed Jared was a member of) **in Memory of Ed Jared. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Martha Gill gave a **report on communications.** The latest edition of the newsletter will be going out any day. The FOTL Facebook page now has 760 followers. The Facebook page has a link to a free webinar on how to raise funds for libraries. It will be held on June 23.

It was announced that **Doreen Flash has agreed to take over as Membership Chair.** FOTL now has 53 Friends groups as members, and a total membership of 177.

It was announced that **the Tennessee Department of Revenue is updating all Sales and Use Tax Exemptions effective July 1.** Most non-profit groups are not aware that this is happening. We need to make sure that all Friends groups are notified.

There was a report on the **Friends and Trustees Luncheon at the Tennessee Library Association's Annual Meeting.** The Friend of the Year Award was presented to Friends of Williamson County at this luncheon.

A report on the Grant Program by Dwight Shepherd, that was distributed at the FOTL Annual Meeting, was distributed. Three grants of \$300 each were presented at the Annual Meeting:

Advocacy Grant - Friends of King Family Library, Sevierville

Fundraising Grant - Friends of Lobelville Library

Membership Grant - Friends of Putnam County Library, Cookeville

It was noted that Certificates of Recognition, along with a check for \$100 each, were presented to Jill McMasters (Kingston) and Judy Titsworth (Putnam County) at the Annual Meeting.

Janis Perry ~~gave a~~ **reported on National Legislative Day in Washington, D.C., which she attended with FOTL President-Elect William Sundquist.**

The possibility of dividing the Friend of the Year Award into two awards based on the population size of the library served was reported on. The TLA Honors and Awards Committee agreed with the FOTL Board suggestion and recommended the change. The TLA Board turned down the request. It appeared that rejection was based on budget constraints that TLA is currently experiencing. The possibility of splitting the cost of the award, since it is given jointly by both groups was raised. Beavers made a **Motion to split whatever cost of the Friend of the Year Award between FOTL and TLA. MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a report on the **Regional Library Directors Meeting** attended by the President, Past President Susie Ries, and Advisory Committee Member Julie Webb. **The purpose of their attending was to get input on how to best promote and support Friends groups throughout the state and the Regions.**

There was a Strategic Tune-up session conducted by Vickie Creed. She will be sending information and a summary to the group at a later date.

The Meeting Adjourned at 2:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dwight W. Shepherd, Secretary