

**FRIENDS OF GEORGIA LIBRARIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING: AUGUST 29, 2011  
MACON STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Attending:**

**Voting Members:** Kathy Ash, Liz Camp, Arlys Ferrell, Claudia Gibson, Terry Kay, George Nixon, Jim Shehy, Lynn Lilly,

**Ex officio Members:** Alan Harkness,

**Meeting called to order:** Kathy Ash called the meeting to order at approximately 11 am

**Reading and approval of minutes from last meeting.** Minutes were read. Claudia Gibson moved for approval, Liz Camp seconded, the motion carried.

**Treasurers report.** Steve Kight was absent, however Kathy announced that he'd been to the bank to take over the accounts as the new treasurer, has begun accepting checks from new members, has membership acknowledgement letters ready to go and is reviewing the budgets to get up to speed.

**New business**

**Fall workshop.** The group explored dates and places for the Fall Workshop. Follow-up will be done with Covington, McDonough and Conyers to decide on the best options. Further planning will be done by phone and email.

The following theme discussed was: Advocacy, Action, Authors. Topics would include shifting the framework of Advocacy from "tax burden" to "personal stories." The Author focus would be on the new FOGL author grant process and how to get authors. For Action, the topics would focus on getting new members, publicity and fundraising.

**Discussion of creating a list of Georgia Authors.** This would be used alongside our Authors Grant, though an author would not have to be on the list to be the topic of the grant. It might also be helpful to libraries looking for an author in their region. There are issues about who is a "real" author and how selective or inclusive we should be. Terry Kay can put us in touch with someone who does Georgia Author Calendar. Claudia Gibson mentions that it must be someone who was born or lived here.

**Group work.** We broke into groups to discuss work on upcoming needs.

- Developing a FOGL membership kit that could be sent to Friends to help them understand the value of FOGL (used both as a recruitment and welcome tool).
- Creating a flyer and/or PowerPoint program that any member could use to explain FOGL to an interested Friends Group.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:20 pm. Claudia Gibson moved for adjournment, Liz Camp seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Lilly