



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

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
November 16, 2021 – 2:00 PM

Attendees: Lee Eltzroth, Donn Blosser, Jerry Kahn, Sharon Marchisello, Anna Hollander, Rebecca Watts, Jill Prouty, Ruth Arthur, Jan Allis, Dick Allis, Charlie Nelson

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Lee Eltzroth at 2:00 p.m. The members in attendance introduced themselves and Lee introduced the Board.

2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2021, meeting. The minutes will be posted on our website <https://ptclibraryfriends.org>

3. President's Report:

- Lee summarized some of the highlights for the year, or the year since our reopening in May:
- Effects of COVID on the library and our organization:
- The closure of the library made the biggest change to the Friends in the amount of money received for the sale of books — for instance from January through April of this year, we had only \$100 listed as income for book sales on the Profit & Loss Statement, but on our most recent P&L, we list \$1,202 — quite a difference. Beginning Monday, August 2nd, the library ended all remaining COVID-19 restrictions, so all quarantine of books, number of people allowed in, etc., were dropped.
- We held a Spring Membership Drive at the Library for a few days, and we offered everyone a bookmark, and tote bags to new members, but not that many patrons came in since it was the week of Fayette County School's Spring Break, which we failed to realize, so we held that Membership Drive throughout the summer.
- During National Friends of the Library Week, Oct. 17-23, we did much better gaining new members, and we offered incoming patrons the bookmarks, and cookies and coffee on Wednesday morning, and cookies on Thursday and Friday afternoon that week.
- We were the recipient of an unexpected monetary donation of \$2,000 from a former realtor, who is not yet a member of Friends, Cathy Spitz.
- We were awarded the Friends of GA Libraries Author Appearance Grant for 2020 to host award-winning author Lynn Cullen. Due to Covid, her appearance was put off that year, then rescheduled for September 2021, but she had to cancel that appearance due to her fear of Delta variant, and for her family's safety.

- Progress in the History room — in addition to getting a solar screen installed on the window, and a missing exhibit glass replaced, I've processed nine accessions since I began working in the History Room in May.
- I've met with only two visiting researchers, and one author, and one of those researchers is a PhD student studying the evolution of our multi-use path system. He was not aware of our materials available on Digital Library of Georgia which have been up since summer of 2020. We were closed then, so one goal for now and through 2022 is to make that source, which includes prospectuses, master plans, maps, conceptual drawings, newsletters, and administrative records dating from the 1950s to 2007, more well-known to the public.
- My thanks to Rebecca Watts for her help in answering my many questions so that I can locate items and better assist researchers. She also designed our new FOL bookmark we can use all year-round.
- We've also had visiting donors - donations include more t-shirts, caps, maps, and brochures, and Mayor Vanessa Fleisch has been quite generous in thinking of us for donations as she clears out her office. Other donors include me, Jill Prouty, and Paul Talbot, who has generously donated to the History Room for several years. Anna Nelson brought me missing Rotary Phone Books, and I'm ready to create a Finding Aid to the Rotary Collection.
- I've mounted 2 new exhibits — the one in the case just outside the History Room is about the creation of The Fred, and its namesake Fred Brown. The other is across the room in the two cases near the window. This exhibit is on Floy Farr, in both Business and in Service. This includes his involvement with rural electrification and the Coweta-Fayette EMC, banking in Tyrone and in Peachtree City, the formation of Peachtree City, as well as his involvement in Service to community and state including Rotary International, and the Southern Crescent Alzheimer's Memory Walk.
- There is a permanent exhibit to come for the Floy Farr Room downstairs next year — a series of panels will highlight Farr's impact on this city, Fayette County, and the state of Georgia. In early December we will have an exhibit designer here to give us an estimate and discuss possibilities.
- We do have several Goals for 2022 — there is much we had in our 2021 budget for the History Room we could not get to — new tables and chairs, a new computer, and getting a website up and running. These things will be in our 2022 budget, and treasurer Jerry Kahn will issue a call for budget input late this month or in early December.

4. Secretary's Report:

- Ruth Arthur stated our membership stands at 96 members with 7 Sustaining, 1 Patron, and 1 Corporate membership. There were three new memberships because of the National Friends Week outreach, 2 family and one individual. Ruth will send out a request for annual membership renewal in January.

5. Treasurer's Report:

- Jerry Kahn presented the Profit and Loss Statement which showed that for the period January 1, 2021, through October 31, 2021, FOL had income of \$5,563.62 and expenses of \$6,046.74. The Balance Sheet showed that as of October 31, 2021, the FOL assets were \$33,622.24. Details are provided on the attached Profit and Loss Statement and Balance Sheet. The checking account balance at Ameris Bank as of 11/16/21 is \$33,355.24.

6. Art Initiative:

- Rebecca Watts stated the initiative will continue the six times a year changeout of art exhibits. The January-February exhibit will feature architectural art. Rebecca and Honey Corbin met six new artists on the Art Studio Tour and the Arts Clayton winner and will put their work on display next year. There is no commitment to hold the art receptions yet. Jill stated that people come to the library just to see the art; it is a show itself.

7. Volunteer's Report:

- Lee reported for Cheresé Cadet that there are now 30 volunteers.

8. Children's Library:

- Lee reported for Janice Dukes that there is no new report from the Children's Library. Jill stated that story time will continue outdoors, weather permitted, until January when they will move back inside.

9. Library Announcements:

- Jill Prouty reported that there are no new announcements.

10. Old Business:

- There is a tentative agreement with Line Creek Brewery to have Lynn Cullen appear there in March or April. Lynn will talk about *Mrs. Poe, Twain's End*, or all her books, and possibly her next book coming out, *The Life You Save*. This will be a fund raiser for us, and a beer called (maybe) Library Lager, or Library Friends Lager, or something suggesting us, and we get a percentage of that beer sold.
- Jill announced that Heather Webb, historical novelist, will come in February to do an event in conversation style with her friend, Lynn Cullen, as an interviewer.

11. New Business:

- Lee stated that many of our members are not on Facebook and suggested an on-line newsletter similar to the Peachtree City newsletter supported by "Constant Comment." It would keep members up to date with library and Friends events and programs. Lee could help start the project but would need a volunteer to continue with it. Jerry will research and check on costs, etc.

12. Next Board Meeting Date:

- Our date of the next meeting will be determined via email.

13. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

14. Attachments:

- Balance Sheet and P/L Statement through October 31, 2021

Recorded by Ruth Arthur, Secretary