



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 ANNUAL MEETING  
November 3, 2022 – 2:00 PM

Attendees: Lee Eltzroth, Jerry Kahn, Sharon Marchisello, Anna Hollander, Ruth Arthur, Jill Prouty, Charlie Nelson, Patricia Curzan

1. Call to Order:

- The meeting was called to order by President Lee Eltzroth at 2:10 PM.

2. Approval of the Minutes of Last Meeting:

- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2022, meeting. The minutes will be posted on our website <https://ptclibraryfriends.org>.

3. President's Report: Summary of highlights for the year 2022:

- Most recently, we gained members during National Friends of the Library Week, October 16-22. On Monday through Thursday, we staffed a table a few hours each day with our banner, bookmarks, magnets, "I Love My Library" stickers, our trifold brochure, Ways to Support Your Library form, membership forms and the much-loved cookies. On Friday the remaining cookies were put in the outer lobby with the sign *Compliments of the Friends of the PTC Library*.
- We were awarded the Friends of Georgia Libraries Author Appearance Grant for 2020 to host award-winning Georgia author Lynn Cullen. Due to COVID 19 the event was postponed and finally held at the Line Creek Brewery Co. on May 12th. It was well-attended and great fun, and a fundraiser. The brewery created a special beer can (full of books) for the limited-edition Friends Czech Pilsner and we received \$1.00 for each Friends beer sold from Thursday through Sunday, and \$1.00 for each 6-pack sold after that. We received \$860.00 which goes back to the support of the library.
- In recognition of National Library Week and National Volunteer Week, we hosted a luncheon for 23 library volunteers and staff on April 21st. We got many compliments and appreciation from staff and volunteers for the next few days.

- Progress in the Joel Cowan History Room: Lee had met with some visiting researchers and communicated with several others. Former City Clerk Frances Meaders will donate a video of City functions and of the Rotary Political Forums, and Jerry Peterson will be making additional donations to his collection.

A large collection of t-shirts and other textiles have been housed in new boxes to keep them out of the light which would further damage them. Lee created a “Little League World Series 2018” collection pertaining to PTC Little League Southeast Champs. Another developed collection is the “Paul Talbot Textile Collection.” The Mort Sams collection – sports memorabilia associated with his coaching the football, baseball, and softball teams in PTC, from 1973 – 1979, has been rehoused.

School yearbooks and other school-related materials have been reorganized and inventoried. Three oversized items from elementary and middle schools have been accessioned and added to the Education area.

Lee has developed a digital excel-style accession log and has input 23 separate accessions with more of the older ones to be added from information on the Deed of Gift forms. Nine of those are 2022 accessions, including those from Rebecca Watts, Bob Dalton of the PTC Running Club, and items from children’s librarian Janice Dukes, Lee and Jill Prouty. Lee hopes to leave this collection in good shape for a future permanent full or part-time archivist.

- News regarding the Floy Farr Room: The permanent exhibit we hoped would be installed this year has been postponed as the designer took a permanent job. Michael Brown is letting us use any plans he has given us. The City is going to renovate the Floy Farr Room in 2023-2024 so until that is finished nothing can be attached to the walls. Friends has accepted the City’s gift of the large topographical map of the City that was originally in the PTC Welcome Center. Also, Friends has recently made purchase of artist Martin Pate’s portrait of Floy Farr which will hang in the Floy Farr Room once renovation is complete.

#### 4. Secretary’s Report:

- Ruth reported that FOL received fourteen new and renewal memberships while staffing the Friends table during National Friends of the Library Week. There were 5 family, 5 individual, 1 corporate, and 3 renewal memberships.

#### 5. Treasurer’s Report:

- Jerry presented the Profit and Loss Statements and Balance Sheet for 2022 through October 31st. The checking account balance as of November 3, 2022, was \$43,219.09.
- Jerry will send out a call for the 2023 budget in Mid-December.

## 6. Library Announcements:

- Jill Prouty announced the hiring of two staff members and the new library hours, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- November author visits are Jennifer Coburn *Cradle of the Reich* on the 11<sup>th</sup> and Karen Grassle *Bright Lights, Prairie Dust: Reflections on Life, Loss, and Love* on the 14<sup>th</sup>.
- The library will start a film series, “Based on the Book” with two showings. The film first will be *Little Women*. Jill would like to purchase surround sound and perhaps a popcorn machine for the theater.
- Maggie Soper will serve as a project coordinator for the Floy Farr Room. She will work with Lee to set up a schedule of deliveries, vet exhibit design companies, and bring plans to the board, etc. Her role is to coordinate to help meet deadlines.
- The PTC Anthology will be out for sale by Christmas with a reception to be held in January. It will be approximately 60 pages with stories, author bios and commentary.

## 7. Art Initiative:

- November-December 2022: multi-talented Denis Barry’s one-of-a-kind furniture, wall hangings, sculpture, abstract paintings, and digital art.
- January-February 2023; Equine Art, a Tribute to the Horse features three artists, Ulla Strickland, Julie Nestor, and Len Jagoda.
- March-April 2023: The working title is “What Does this Look Like?” Russ Gariota creates free form oil paintings, but he is known for his bird sculptures created from wood/iron golf clubs and found wood.

## 8. Old Business:

- Anna reported that the “mystery bags” will contain a selection of hardback and/or paperback books donated to the library. Each bag will have a tag indicating the genre of book, such as mystery, thriller, romance, etc. and will sell for \$5.00. The bags will be ready for sale on November 26<sup>th</sup>, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We will staff a table for a few hours on that day to sell the bags. After the initial roll-out the staff will keep the bags behind the circulation desk and oversee the sales.

## 9. New Business:

- There remain two vacancies on the board for the vice-president’s slot and one other board member slot.

10. Next Board Meeting Date:

- The next board meeting will be held in February, date to be determined via e-mail.

11. Adjournment:

- The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 PM.

Attachments:

Profit & Loss Statements as of October 31, 2022  
Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2022

Recorded by Ruth Arthur, Secretary