

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING: Friends of the Library (FOL) (South Cheatham County)

DATE AND TIME: December 5, 2023, 6 p.m.

LOCATION: South Cheatham County Library (main room)

ATTENDEES: Kandace (Kandy) Kapanka – President, FOL
Lana Foster – Treasurer, FOL
Charlie Silliman – Secretary, FOL
Cory Foster
Shirly Gogliotti

PREPARED BY: Charlie Silliman

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Kandy called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Old Business

Old business items were discussed. Some additional items of note are listed below:

- The tree lighting and cookies with Santa events went great with big turnouts! For next year's cookie contest, adding an additional category for teens was discussed.
- With the birthday list now turned in, it was decided that the giving of gift cards to library staff on their birthdays will begin in December. Kandy will check with Sara about a date for a library staff holiday event.

New Business

Agenda Item 1.

Ladder CD.

Additional Notes:

Deposits of \$50,000.00 of FOL funds have been invested into a laddered CD plan; \$12,000.00 each in a three-month and a six-month CD and 13,000.00 each in a nine-month and a one-year CD. When they mature, each would be reinvested (if so agreed) into a one-year CD going forward. Lana will contact Edward Jones about roll over options.

Agenda Item 2.

Tree removal - possibly plant a live Christmas tree.

Additional Notes:

The health of the Redbud tree in front of the library was discussed. We may decide to have a professional do an assessment in the spring. Planting a replacement and/or additional tree(s) was also discussed.

Agenda Item 3.

Teen/Tween programming.

Additional Notes:

Discussion continued about having a regularly scheduled game night at the library. Continuing the practice of taking some unsold books to McKays to help purchase games was also discussed. It was decided that a new practice of giving a \$5.00 gift card (to Turnbull Provisions) to new students who sign up for a library card will begin in January. A motion was made by Cory and seconded by Shirly to allocate \$100.00 for 20 gift cards to be purchased. The motion was passed. To help get the word out about this new gift card deal, emails will be sent to FOL members, Crystal will mention it to her book club, and it will be featured on the library website. If the initial month of the offer goes well, additional months may be added.

The plan to purchase a comfortable chair for the library and/or other seating for the inside/outside of the library was also discussed.

Agenda Item 4.

Meeting with Cheatham County FOL about fundraising ideas for a new library.

Additional Notes:

This topic was discussed along with to what degree the County Government might be willing to help in this matter.

Additional Agenda Item.

It was decided that, going forward, future FOL meetings will include a brief discussion about the library website in order to ensure that it is continuously updated with relevant information.

Finances

With credits for book and sticker sales, donations, renewals, and interest totaling \$2,896.25, and debits of \$50,244.59 (CD deposits, supplies for tree lighting and cookies with Santa, etc.), the ending balance is \$11,647.07.

Kandy adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.