

MEETING MINUTES

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

DATE AND TIME: August 1, 2023, 6 p.m.

LOCATION: South Cheatham County Library Event Room

ATTENDEES: Kandace (Kandy) Kapanka – President, FOL
Lana Foster – Treasurer, FOL
Charlie Silliman – Secretary, FOL
Sara Schultz – Director, South Cheatham County Library
Mary Jo Smith – Staff Member, South Cheatham County Library
Janet Walker
Cory Foster
Kari Panter
Jenny Oles
Robert Qualls

PREPARED BY: Charlie Silliman

ITEMS OF DISCUSSION:

Kandy called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Old Business

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

- Summer Reading Program: Participants “earned” \$525.00 (by reading 525 hours). The money was donated to several local nonprofit organizations.
- Art in the Park: Because the City does not allow nonprofit organizations to have a booth at this event, the purchase of T-shirts and book bags has been postponed.
- Dinner on Main: Lana learned that the FOL could assist with the set up of this event or help serve food, but that offering assistance with printing was not an option.
- Back to School Bash: Approximately 200 handouts about the FOL were handed out.
- Cory Foster will review the work on the new library website. It should be rolled out soon.
- Kandy will take measurements of the bookshelf on the back porch in preparation for procuring a suitable cover.

New Business

Agenda Item 1.

Meet with Ashland City Library FOL to figure out how they raised the money for their new library. Did they create or was there a community/library foundation formed?

Additional Notes:

The FOL will reach out to the Ashland City Library FOL (and possibly the County) for fundraising ideas.

The Cheatham County Library Board of Trustees is still discussing creating a Foundation for fundraising. Sara will attend their next meeting to learn more.

A feasibility study may need to be undertaken by a third party.

Other Business

There was discussion about possible fall fundraising events such as a ghost tour, historic walking tour, etc. Sara will consider these and other options.

Finances

With credits for book sales, donations, and interest totaling \$180.84, the ending balance is \$60,317.66.

Kandy adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.