

Friends of the Library Report

September 30, 2020

1. There was no quorum present; no motions were made, nor votes taken.
2. Meg Beene ran the meeting as Anne was out of town.
3. Meg welcomed the new Office Manager, Kerry Blohm, who began her new role on Thursday, September 24th. She is currently training in accounting and other systems with outgoing Office Manager Dawn Hodsdon. Kerry will be attending FOL board meetings each month.
4. Chair Report - Friends' Annual Giving - The transition to Friends new software has revealed that Friends Executive Council/Board lists have not been updated for over a year and many members may never have received a mailed donation solicitation. Meg requested all board members make a donation before year end. For leadership gifts and grant applications, it is essential that all Board members have donated at a level of personal leadership each year.
5. Proposed Name Change - To better reflect the role of the organization, The Friends of the Chattanooga Public Library is proposing a name change to The Chattanooga Public Library Foundation. If affirmed, the name change will involve a change to the organization Bylaws, and the proposed name and any bylaws changes will be distributed prior to the October meeting, introduced and discussed at the October meeting and voted on at the November meeting.
6. Office Manager Report - New Office Manager Kerry Blohm was welcomed aboard and provided background information on her experience and skills. Kerry has four years experience with Raiser's Edge, the new software the Friends purchased to help manage and grow memberships and donations. She also has experience in working in an accounting firm, as a paralegal and has managed her own catering business.
7. Tom Adkins has suggested a new book database management and processing tool that will communicate with Amazon. The need for this arises from the fact that the Ilebris system is phasing out the database management and update feature.
8. Software update: transition to Blackbaud Raiser's Edge software is still in process and we have a "Go Live Date" scheduled for mid-November.