

9/1/19 - 8/31/20 Annual Report
Chatham Area Public Library Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Foundation met September 25, 2019, and previously had met on April 24, 2019 and June 27, 2019.

Representing the Friends in September were Rhona Kelley, Friends President (ex-officio), Barb Germann, and Dixie Williamson. Representing the Board of Trustees were Michael Roubitchek, Library Board President (ex-officio), Dan Holden, and Chelsey Moore. Representing the Community at Large were Jane Hay, Chuck Hunt, Tim Welch, and one vacancy since Shellie Petty resigned. Eric Bolinger then was appointed to the Community-at-Large vacancy (2019-2021). Library Director Amy Byers also is an ex-officio member

Officers for 2020 were elected at the September meeting. Elected were President Barb Germann, Vice-President Chuck Hunt, Secretary Eric Bolinger, Treasurer Tim Welch. Terms on the Foundation Board are staggered 4-year terms. Officers have one-year terms.

In January 2020 Amy and I did meet with an architect about our proposed outdoor reading plaza on the south side of the building. Due to Covid restrictions, no further meetings were held in 2020. In hindsight it would have been nice to have the outdoor area during restrictions. Also it may have been a policing headache for staff. But like so many things, we don't have one. In the months since January 2020 this project has not been pursued because it didn't seem timely to fundraise while many individuals struggled. And it was not a project that ZOOM meetings could plan. Plus Library staff were putting all their creative efforts into keeping the Library available online ~ and more.

When my password didn't work today for the Foundation's checking account at Bank & Trust, I called. She was quite helpful and somewhat puzzled because she couldn't find us in the system. But then she voiced an 'Ah-Hah!' with a perfect description: "Oh it's because you've been dormant." That says it all.

January 2020, SuperNow Checking account at Bank & Trust balance is \$4010.11. The Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln fund balance as of December 31, 2020 was \$50,125.56. Administrative/Custodian fees in 2020 totaled \$647.69. On January 1, 2020 the balance was \$45,102.91. (December 31, 2018 balance was \$38,690.68, down from \$41,388.39 the year prior.)

The Chatham Area Public Library Foundation is affiliated with the Friends of the Library. From their Constitution and By-Laws: The purpose of the Foundation is to establish restricted and unrestricted funds to permit contributors to make tax deductible gifts for current investment and future use by the Foundation for the welfare of the library. Restricted funds shall only be used for the specific lawful purpose or purposes for which they are contributed, unless modified by written instrument to law, as now or hereafter amended.

Submitted by Barb Germann, Foundation President
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