

Chico Friends of the Butte County Library aka Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL)

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021 – 6:30 PM

The meeting was held on Zoom and Facebook Live due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- President Katherine Gould welcomed members and guests and reviewed the past “strange year” and plans for the near future.
- The Chico Branch, and other County Library Branches, were closed for several months due to the pandemic, but Chico has been open for limited services for months and hopefully will be fully open soon.
- Chico Friends of the Library Book Sales and book donations were suspended in February 2020, which has meant much less income. However, the Friends had a successful membership drive in February 2021 and book donations began again on May 1, 2021. We hope book sales will begin again in June. The board has approved \$1500 for summer reading programs and \$8000 has been given per month for purchase of library materials throughout this period.
- Elected by acclaim: Nancy Leek as Vice-President and Diane Friedman as Treasurer from July 2021 through June 2023. Katherine Gould continues as President and Satsie Veith as Secretary through June 2022. New and returning CFOL board members for 2021-2022 include Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Byron Fountain, Keith Herritt, and Anne Reimer.
- Brenda introduced our speaker, Nancy Brower, retired Butte County Librarian and current member of the Library Advisory Board and the Butte County Historical Society. Nancy described the evolution of the Chico City and Butte County Library Systems, which began in 1863 and 1913 respectively and were consolidated in 1976. The current Chico Branch was built in 1983 due to fundraising efforts by a group of Chicoans who realized the need to have a larger building to replace the downtown library (now the Chico Museum) and the Memorial Library (near the old courthouse).
- The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.