

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

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023 – 6:30 PM

The meeting was held in the Community Meeting Room at the Chico Library.

- President Brenda Crotts welcomed members and guests.
- Brenda introduced the two officers nominated for re-election: Nancy Leek for Vice-President and Diane Friedman for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. Members elected Nancy and Diane by voice vote.
- Brenda introduced the speaker, Mike Wolcott, Editor of the Chico Enterprise-Record. Mike spoke on “The Role of the Small-Town Daily Newspaper in Changing Times.” Mike told us about his rise from sportswriter in local papers in Northern California to his position today as editor of the E-R and director the Nor-Cal Design Center, which designs and edits 12 daily papers and 3 weeklies. He described the devastating effect of the rise of the internet on newspaper advertising revenue and how publishers have been forced to cut staff and attempt more creative approaches to stay in business. During a lengthy Q&A, Mike and audience members discussed changes in news-story writing styles, how to achieve balanced news coverage that reflects a range of views, and much more.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.