

1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, June 16, 2014, at the Chester Public Library, 21 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Denny Tovey, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward and Bob Gorman. Linda Fox (Library Director) and Cary Hull were also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Tovey, to approve May 19, 2014 Minutes amended as follows -

- Under 1. correct spelling of "Tovery" to "Tovey".
- Under 6. correct spelling of "Hollow" to "Holloway".

Voting in favor - Carter-Ward, Tovey, Prisloe, Senior-Dauer, Gorman, Schreiber. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed and reviewed the Treasurer's Report for June 16, 2014. It was noted donations go to The Friends as they are a 501C3 which makes it a tax deductible donation. It was suggested the cost of the Hartford Courant be switched over to the Town.

Motion by Gorman, second by Senior-Dauer, to approve Treasurer's Report as presented. Voting in favor - Gorman, Senior-Dauer, Carter-Ward, Tovey, Prisloe, Schreiber. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

Sue Zirlen reviewed the Human Library which is one of The Friends programs. She explained this is a library where the "books" are living people who volunteer to share their stories, passion and/or life experience with "readers" who are members of the community. Living books can be checked out of the library or online with a Chester Library card. Contact information will then be given out by the Librarian for the "book." A 30 minute, one on one session is scheduled. Parents must accompany children under 18. All ages are encouraged to both become living books and to check them out. The Human Library is a way to connect people in the Chester community across generations, lifestyle, religion, ethnicity, etc. to increase understanding of community resources and awareness of differences, using the traditional library as a vehicle. This is not a resource for paid services but rather a place to have one on one conversation and share a life experience or hobby. Ms. Zirlen reviewed how the program would be administered. It was noted this idea started in Denmark and there is a program in Rochester. Linda Fox noted she didn't know of anyone else in this area doing this sort of thing. The consensus of the Trustees was they loved the idea of the program but not the logo.

4. Old Business

(a) Update on Building Committee

Denny Tovey noted 7 proposals were submitted and the list was narrowed to 3 - Ken Best, Lerner Ladds & Bartel and Tecton Architects. The Committee will be interviewing those 3 firms on Wednesday night and will make their selection at that time.

There was much discussion regarding the interaction between the Building Committee and the North Quarter Park Committee. It was felt the NQP Committee should decide on the location of the building and the Building Committee should decide whether it be one or two stories. It was also noted cost and square footage are important factors.

Terry Schreiber noted it needs to be something that will welcome people into the Town.

Denny Tovey noted once the Committee decides on its selection, it will then go to the Selectmen for award of contract, etc.

It was reiterated the interface between the two committees is very important.

(b) Update on North Quarter Park Committee

Bob Gorman gave an update on the NQP Committee. He noted there will be a community meeting on July 7th or 8th. Denny Tovey noted his concern is the existing library is a small building and there is no way to bring all of these things in at \$3 million. The cost will be closer to \$5-7 million. Bob Gorman noted they need to have a plan of what the library will look like and a schematic of North Quarter Park. If the grant is approved, the Town will have 3 years to design, etc. He noted the Town Hall bond will end at the end of 2016.

Terry Schreiber noted she received a call from someone at the west end of town who didn't feel that North Quarter Park was a central location.

The question was asked if the cost of the parking lot was included in the Grant. The answer was not known, but it was noted the parking lot is part of the site development.

(c) Update on Grant Application

There was discussion regarding having a technology plan which is a requirement of the Grant. The new building will have some technology

issues but its not known yet what they will be. It was noted the architect will want to know what we want for a technology plan. There are a variety of things that need to be decided.

(d) Report from The Friends

Cary Hull gave a report on programs The Friends are working on. They are also preparing a list of supporters of The Friends of Chester Library. She reviewed the pop-up program "Grill Pizza Book" scheduled for this Saturday. She also noted they will have a table at the Sunday Market 3 times this summer. Anyone is welcome to come and talk about the Library. They will also have another quilt raffle.

Cary noted they are working on more programs. The whole point is to show people the Library is not just for books.

Cary reviewed the Chester Book Fair Sale. Any books not purchased or given away will be donated to the cancer wing at the local hospital.

5. New Business - none.

6. Librarian's Report

Linda Fox thanked Cary Hull for all her amazing work and what she has done. A lot people came to The Friends meeting interested in programing and what The Friends are doing.

Linda reviewed some of the summer programs - summer reading incentive program, Food for Fines, etc. She also reviewed the Fall Book Discussion to be held in October.

Linda noted they will be getting a new interface for the Verso Circulation System. It will have a lot more graphics.

Statistical Reports for April and May were distributed.

7. Adjournment

**Motion by Gorman, second by Prisloe, to adjourn at 8:50 PM.
Voting in favor - Gorman, Prisloe, Senior-Dauer, Carter-Ward,
Tovey, Schreiber. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary