

Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, April 17, 2017
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the Chester Public Library, 21 W. Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward, Denny Tovey and Karin Badger (arrived at 7:50 PM). Library Director Stephanie Romano was also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Senior-Dauer, second by Carter-Ward, to approve March 20, 2017 Minutes amended as follows -

- **Under 4., delete 2nd paragraph and replace with, "Karin Badger noted the Building Committee's task was to develop plans for the Library in North Quarter Park, so that is their sole focus. She also noted that the Good's building is a new alternative and there will be people who will be very receptive to that."**
- **Under 4., add to 3rd paragraph, "Karin Badger said that another renovation quote should be obtained from an independent source, not connected to the current Library Building Committee."**

Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed the Treasurer's Report for April 17, 2017. She reviewed expenses and balances. **Motion by Schreiber, second by Carter-Ward, to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Unanimously Approved.**

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey noted the Library Building Committee has had a couple of meetings. Informal presentations are going to be held on either May 10th or 11th and on Saturday May 13th. The LBC will be meeting again on Wednesday to further discuss these meetings. Peggy Carter-Ward noted the objective is to bring the town's people up to date and ask questions. Denny Tovey noted the exact cost of the project is not yet known. Steven Tiezzi will talk about the Plan of Conservation & Development and how that ties into this project. Terry Schreiber noted she wasn't sure if there ever was a formal name change for the project. It should also be brought up that this is a community space which would be beneficial to the town's people. Peggy Carter-Ward noted someone should address the Grant. Carter-Ward will look up the old slides and

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pass them along to Tiezzi. Prisloe noted it would be important to include the history of what is being done.

Chairman Schreiber noted Karin Badger had mentioned getting a quote from an individual source. She also noted there is a limited footprint on the Good Building.

5. Poetry Night

Sandy Senior-Dauer gave an update on what's happening with Poetry Night and who she has contacted. This should be kept to an hour and there should be refreshments. We should also put an article in the paper. Director Romano will put the information about Poetry Night on the website. It will be held May 1st. Members should bring food and Senior-Dauer will set up the tables.

6. Budget

Director Romano noted she got an email from the Finance Director asking if there will be any surplus at the end of the year in the Library Budget.

7. Gwen Orton Jones Trust Update

Chairman Schreiber noted funds will be distributed in June. Waiting for First Selectwoman Gister to get back to the Library Board about forming a group. The money will be in a restricted fund used only for the Library. Treasurer Netsch has to set up an account at the bank. The money is currently in an interest bearing account with Anna Sweeney as Trustee of that account. The interest will be distributed in June for the last 2 years. Ms. Sweeney is waiting to hear from First Selectwoman Gister and Treasurer Netsch. The group will determine how the interest will be distributed.

Peggy Carter-Ward noted she thought First Selectwoman Gister was going to provide some guidelines. There was discussion as to whether the Library Budget would be cut as a result of these funds. Karin Badger noted this was outside of the Town budget. Tovey noted the Library Budget is probably about 1½% of the whole Town Budget.

8. Fund Raising

It was noted Pat Holloway has been away, only just returned. Cary Hull was not here this evening but is doing well. Chairman Schreiber noted the Executive Director of Tritown Youth Services will be looking into more grants. Peggy Carter-Ward noted it

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would be important for the people to hear about fund raising at the upcoming presentation.

9. Audience of Citizens – none.

10. Other

Senior-Dauer noted on May 7th there will be an event at the Meeting House highlighting the life of Constance Motley, First Black Federal Court Judge. Marty Daniels will do the presentation.

11. Librarian's Report

Director Stephanie Romano reported on the following -

- Next Monday will be the last movie night with “Some Like It Hot.”
- There will be a Children's Program on Saturday for Earth Day.
- Easter Egg Coloring was held this past Saturday, this will be promoted on Facebook.

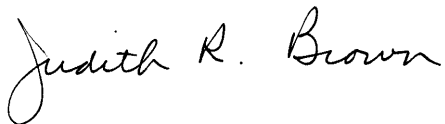
12. The Friends Report

A book sale is scheduled for June 9th.

13. Adjournment

Motion by Prisloe, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 8:15 PM.
Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary