

1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, April 18, 2016, at the Chester Public Library, 21 W. Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Karin Badger, Denny Tovey and Peggy Carter-Ward. Vice Chairman Dauer called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM in the absence of the Chairman.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion made and seconded to approve Secretary's Report as written. Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - none.

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey noted no Building Committee meeting has been held since the last Library Board meeting. Next Committee meeting is this coming Wednesday.

5. New Circulation Librarian

Director Fox noted Katie Mullen has been hired as the new Circulation Librarian. She will start in a couple of weeks.

6. New Business - none.

7. Librarian's Report

Director Fox reported on the following -

- - a lot of programs coming up in April and May. Family Crafts is held the first Saturday every month. May 14th - plant sale in conjunction with the Land Trust at the Carini Preserve. There will also be a couple of Master Gardeners there to answer questions. There will be native plants and vegetables for sale from Balleks. All donated plants will be sold at very reasonable prices. May 19th - Zentangle Program with a Spring Theme.
- - Notice has been received from the State they are closing one of two Library Service Centers. The remaining Service Center will be combined at the Middletown location. Long term this will have an impact on our Collection development. Chester relies heavily on this service for

large print and recorded materials. We should look at other ways to acquire those things.

- - The State Appropriations Committee has recommended eliminating State Aid which pays for our magazines (about \$1200).
- - Connecticut has changed to Deliver-It-CT. The service will be reduced to 2 days a week. Director Fox reviewed the various changes in the program. There will be a time of transition.
- - Director Fox noted with much sadness the recent passing of Gloria Eustis. Gloria had been Head Librarian for 18 years and was very active in Library affairs even after her retirement. The Library Board should think about how to honor her work, her life and service to Chester. There will be a Memorial Service at some time in the future. The family has designated the Chester Library as a recipient for Memorial donations. All donations will need to be acknowledged.
- - Statistical Report for last month was distributed and briefly reviewed.

8. The Friends Report

Cary Hull noted they will be receiving some money from the Essex Savings Bank. There is also a Book Sale coming up in early June.

9. Executive Session - personnel - no Executive Session.

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judith R. Brown

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