

Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, February 13, 2017
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2017, at the Chester Public Library, 21 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Peggy Carter-Ward and Denny Tovey. Stephanie Romano (Library Director) and Cary Hull (The Friends President) were also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Senior-Dauer, to approve January 9, 2017 Minutes amended as follows -

- **Under 4. Gwen Orton-Jones Trust Update, 11th paragraph, change 1st sentence to read, “Karin Badger noted the Trustee **said at the Board Meeting** that everything is up to her discretion and the Board had no say.”**

Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe was absent but submitted a report showing \$1.27 in interest for the month of January.

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey noted after the last Building Committee meeting he attended the next Board of Selectmen meeting. A lot of questions were asked. First Selectwoman Gister said she would get back to Tovey on the financial questions, but he has not heard anything. He will follow up with First Selectwoman Gister.

Chairman Schreiber noted the Madison Library Referendum passed. There was discussion as to whether the money will still be there at the State level. The Town will have to apply for a one year extension as long as it can show progress is being made.

Chairman Schreiber noted Jan and Peter Good want to sell their building and thought it would be ideal for a Library. The following was briefly discussed – historic building, is it 2 or 3 levels, elevator would need to be installed, handicap accessible where the package store is currently located, 16 parking spaces, 5,500 square feet, cost - \$1.5 million. Chairman Schreiber noted location wise it would be great, but parking might be an issue. Another concern would be there would be no community room, it would strictly be a Library. Denny Tovey noted he would reach out to Jan Good to have Chuck Mueller, Steve Tiezzi, Pat Holloway and himself go through the building.

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5. Policy for what The Friends pay for and what the Library pays for

Cary Hull noted The Friends received another \$500 grant. It was noted donations to either The Friends or the Library are both tax deductible. Cary Hull noted The Friends is the fund raising arm for the Library. Peggy Carter-Ward noted if donations go to The Friends, it is tax deductible and used for certain activities. If donations go to the Library, it would be used for certain activities such as books, professional development, etc. There should be a clear line as to what funds are being used for. Director Romano will draft a policy statement for the next meeting.

6. Poetry Night – nothing further to report. Sandy Senior-Dauer will start doing some research.

7. Audience of Citizens – none.

8. Other

Chairman Schreiber noted with regard to the Gwen Orton Jones Trust, Bob Klomp passed away this past weekend. First Selectwoman Gister has not gotten back to Anna Sweeney yet as far as writing up guidelines.

9. Librarian's Report

The Monthly Statistical Report for January 2017 was distributed. Director Romano reported on the following -

- The Take Your Child to the Library with Dog Whisperer Helene Ferrari was a very good program. Thirteen children attended.
- March 4th will be Dr. Seuss's Birthday.
- March 23rd will be the Teddy Bear Pajama Party.
- March 27th will be The Graduate movie discussion at Town Hall at 6 PM. There will also be April and May movie programs too.
- The new AWE Learning Station has been well received.
- It was suggested perhaps a Trivia Night might be nice for a Fall Program.

10. The Friends Report

Cary Hull reported on the following -

The Chester Rotary is doing a Longest Dinner Table on April 1st. This event will be promoted through The Friends. We should encourage people to buy tickets and attend.

The family has decided to take back the Babar Lamp their mother had made. It was originally given to the Library to be used in the Children's Room or sell/raffle to raise money for the Library. The family will give the Library a \$1000 donation in its place.

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Peggy Carter-Ward asked if the Library would consider doing a \$500 College Scholarship every year to promote the Library. It could be done by The Friends and would be nice exposure. It would only benefit one person. Should it be limited to only Chester people. More research should be done on this topic.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Tovey, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 8:25 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary