

1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, June 19, 2017, at the Chester Public Library, 21 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Peggy Carter-Ward, Deedee Prisloe, Denny Tovey and Karin Badger. Stephanie Romano (Library Director) and Cary Hull (The Friends President) were also present. Vice Chairman Senior-Dauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion made and seconded to approve May 15, 2017 Minutes as written. Approved with Carter-Ward abstaining.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed and reviewed the Monthly Treasurer's Report. She reviewed income, expenses, interest and balances. **Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Tovey, to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted. Unanimously Approved.**

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey indicated there wasn't much to update. The Committee is waiting for the BOS/BOF to decide what they are going to do. Tovey noted he attended the last Board of Selectmen meeting where this item was discussed for about an hour. A motion was made at that time for the BOS to make a decision at the next BOS meeting pending information from the BOF. The BOS discussed whether to have a referendum. The next Library Building Committee meeting is July 5th. Tovey briefly reviewed a subsequent meeting he had with First Selectwoman Gister and Terry Schreiber.

5. Update on Gwen Orton Jones Trust – how yearly income will be distributed, setting guidelines for distribution

Anna Sweeney was present. Vice Chairman Senior-Dauer noted Ms. Sweeney indicated there was \$23,000 in interest. She had asked Director Romano to see what uses there might be for this money. There was discussion on how to use the money, but it could not be voted on at this meeting. Denny Tovey noted Terry Schreiber had made a suggestion that 10% go to the Board and 30% go toward book purchases. The Board needs to come up with guidelines.

Anna Sweeney reiterated this is a specific account set up by the Town Treasurer. Perhaps the Board should talk to the Treasurer. Karen Badger noted maybe the Board should talk about investing some of the money. It was decided the Board should come up with some categories for spending this money.

Much discussion ensued on how this money should be used. Perhaps some money can be allocated for future expenditures. Director Romano reviewed some items she might be able to buy. The question was asked if there is a time limit for spending the \$23,000. Ms. Sweeney replied she didn't think so, but the Board should talk to the Treasurer.

Karin Badger asked if the \$23,000 was from 2016-2017. Ms. Sweeney explained the Board gets the dividends, but not the gains. Denny Tovey asked when the dividends are given out. Sweeney replied that was unclear from the documents she had. It was suggested the Board wait to see what happens at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

Karin Badger noted she still was unclear and had questions about the Orton Jones Trust. The figures don't add up. She would like to know how this all works.

Deedee Prisloe noted everything the Board members talk about and emails is public information. She didn't think it was right for people to talk amongst themselves when it's the Board's business. Badger noted that was interesting because it turns out Terry Schreiber knew about the Trust and members of the Trustee didn't know about it. Deedee Prisloe noted what she was talking about was there is a lot of talking going on in emails that should be public.

There was further discussion regarding the Orton Jones Trust account, such as what bank had this, where are all the bank statements from years past, etc.

6. Discussion - whether to hold July/August meetings
Board members felt there should be July and August meetings.

7. Plaque for Memorial tree planted at Library
Vice Chairman Senior-Dauer noted former Director Linda Fox had taken over this project. The Memorial Tree is located at the beginning of the driveway and was approved by the Church. Tomasi was going to do the work, but the Town Crew actually did all the work. The wording and dedication are still pending, probably will

occur in the Fall.

8. Audience of Citizens – none.

9. Other

Denny Tovey noted at the Board of Selectmen's meeting (mentioned above) Pat Holloway noted she would like to go out and solicit patrons but would like approval from the Selectmen before doing so.

10. Librarian's Report

Library Director Stephanie Romano reported on the following -

- Summer Reading Kick Off was last Friday. Had torrential downpour so it was held at the Church, 42 participants, 21 signups.
- Several other programs for July were briefly noted.

11. The Friends Report

Cary Hull reported on the following -

- Book Sale – had fewer books this year. Left overs will be at the Sunday Market.
- Raffle – not going to do raffle this Fall.
- Grant with Community Foundation – still might be doing a grant with the Community Foundation. If we do one this year, can't do one next year. Can't do 3 in a row.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary