

Chester Library Board of Trustees  
Regular Meeting, March 16, 2015  
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, March 16, 2015, at the Chester Public Library, 21 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward, Denny Tovey and Bob Gorman. Linda Fox (Library Director) and Cary Hull (The Friends of the Library) were also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

**Motion by Gorman, second by Carter-Ward, to approve February 12, 2015 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed the Treasurer's Report. She reviewed expenses, deposits and total balances noting the State Grant given to each town was received. She also noted Anna Sweeney is working on the Jones bequeath.

**Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Gorman, to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.**

4. Follow Up from Town Meeting

Everyone agreed Peggy Carter-Ward did a great professional job with the presentation at the recent Town Meeting. Some comments were received regarding the bad weather and the meeting should have been cancelled and rescheduled. Chairman Schreiber explained this was a Town Meeting called by the Board of Selectmen and they chose to hold the meeting. The Library Board had nothing to do with the scheduling of the Town Meeting.

Peggy Carter-Ward suggested doing post card mailers to keep people up to date on what's going on, next meeting, etc. etc. She noted the Library Board should respond proactively to negative comments.

There was discussion regarding the posting of letters on Facebook. It was a consensus of the Board not to post letters on Facebook at this time.

#### 5. Next Steps for New Library

There was discussion as to whether there would be subcommittees on the Library Building Committee for building design and the Park portion of the project. It was felt publicity and fund raising should be the responsibility of the Library Board of Trustees.

There was discussion regarding two story vs. one story. It was felt there probably wouldn't be much of a difference in cost, but a one story would make a better Library. It is hoped Drayton Fair will come to the next LBC meeting with soil information regarding test holes and locations. It is hoped to do a presentation to the public mid-June before summer on different options. During the summer one option can then be zeroed in on and in September present the one option. It will all depend on how soon Drayton can come up with options.

Peggy asked if part of the building plan could incorporate some kind of a town contest or element to create town wide excitement with something cool and unique. What makes Chester special? Everyone thought this was a good idea. Denny Tovey will talk to Drayton about it.

#### 6. Fund Raising

Chairman Schreiber briefly reviewed her visit with Barbara Delaney. Mrs. Delaney was all for preserving this building, but was also very enthusiastic for the North Quarter Park site. It was noted Pat Holloway has volunteered to do fund raising. Chairman Schreiber noted the Library Board would benefit from hiring a professional fund raiser to help with proper fund raising techniques, etc. Further research is needed regarding fund raising.

#### 7. Budget

The Budget meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. First Selectman Meehan will advise when the Library Budget is up for discussion with the Board of Finance.

#### 8. Librarian's Report

Linda Fox reported on the following -

It's time to turn in articles for the Chester Events. Should

we submit a building update?

There will be another Book Discussion in late April/early May.

April 27<sup>th</sup> - Social Media Program with Ted Funston. This is still in the development stage.

An anonymous donation was made of a painting by Leif Nilsson.

The Statistical Report for February 2015 was distributed and reviewed.

There was a discussion as to what the Library volunteers do. The Volunteer Reception will be held in June.

The Poetry Program will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>.

9. The Friends Report

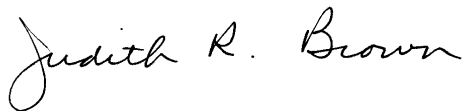
Cary Hull noted an anonymous donation of \$5000 was made to The Friends to be used for something out of the ordinary. She also noted there is a Friend's meeting next week. They will be working on a budget.

10. Any Other Business - none.

11. Adjournment

**Motion by Gorman, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 9:15 PM. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary