

Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, May 18, 2015
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015, at the Chester Public Library, 21 West Main Street, Chester, Connecticut. In attendance were Terry Schreiber, Sandy Senior-Dauer, Deedee Prisloe, Peggy Carter-Ward, Denny Tovey and Bob Gorman. Linda Fox (Library Director) and Cary Hull (The Friends) were also present. Chairman Schreiber called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Gorman, to approve April 20, 2015 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe reviewed the Treasurer's Report for May 18th. She noted a check had been sent to Matthew Male in the amount of \$50.00 for setting up the microphones for Poetry Night.
Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Gorman, to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 18, 2015 as presented. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.

4. Building Committee Updates

Denny Tovey noted some test pits were done and analyzed. No formal report yet. The soil was found to have some material in it that is not clean but not contaminated or regulated to the point where the site has to be cleaned. If the material can be reused on site, that would be fine. If it has to be removed off site, there would be a larger cost for removal. Tovey noted it would be encumbent upon us to keep the material on site. There is debris in the soil (trace amounts of polyaeromatics and hydrocarbons). Still waiting for report to come back.

Denny noted he talked with Drayton Fair today and has asked for the report. In the meantime he is working on the presentation for the Library Building Committee June 3rd meeting.

Fund raising was discussed. Terry Schreiber noted Pat Holloway hasn't gotten back to her yet. Terry indicated that Doreen Joslow wants to be on the fund raising committee with Pat. Sandy Dauer noted she didn't see the need for a fund raiser.

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Terry noted she thought a professional fund raiser would probably bring in more money. The professional fund raiser doesn't actually go out and ask for money. It was suggested the Board interview a second person for fund raising. Terry will talk with Pat and Doreen and get their opinion on a professional fund raiser. A tentative meeting was scheduled for June 22 or 23 to interview two people.

Terry noted she agreed with Bob Gorman in that a library referendum should not be held on Election Day.

5. Poetry

The 5th Annual Poetry Night was a great success with a good turnout.

6. Volunteer Reception

The Volunteer Reception will be June 15, 2015 at 7:00 to 8:00 PM. The regular meeting of the LBOT will be at 6:30 PM. A raffle will be held. Everyone should bring either a sweet or savory and someone should bring punch.

7. Librarian's Report

Linda Fox, Library Director, reported on the following - Monthly Statistical Report was distributed and reviewed. Nothing remarkable this month. Special events were of interest. American Pastoral was very well received.

Good news - the cuts in the State Budget are not going to happen. The Connecticut and State Grants should be okay.

Statewide Catalog is ending end of June. Autographics who does Verso is trying to come up with a way that interlibrary loans can continue. No definite answer yet. Pam and Linda are going to training on June 15th regarding what will happen when request is gone.

Two Book Discussions are planned - one at Valley and one at John Winthrop.

Planning another adult online summer reading program. The theme is "escape the ordinary."

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There was discussion and it was agreed to stay open on Tuesdays.

It was agreed to do "food for fines" again in July. Linda will run it by First Selectman Meehan first.

The Friends will be paying for a shared subscription of the Book Page with Deep River and Killingworth.

Bob Gorman asked about the status of new furniture. Linda reported she has not heard back from that individual yet.

8. The Friends Report

Cary Hull reported Sue Zirlen was nominated for Individual Achievement Award for Friends of CT Libraries for our size library in this State for her work on Human Libraries. This will be held June 13th.

Linda Fox reported that Sue Zirlen is starting to think about regionalizing to make this do more than what her original vision was.

Cary noted they are working on getting a story in the newspaper about Helen LaFlair.

Cary also noted they will be doing a raffle at the end of September.

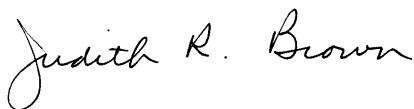
9. Any Other Business

There was a brief discussion re possible upcoming vacancies.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Prisloe, second by Carter-Ward, to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Unanimously Approved. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary