

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

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2015, at the Chester Public Library, 21 W. Main Street, Chester, CT. 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 7:32 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Gorman, second by Prisloe, to approve October 19, 2015 Minutes as written. Unanimously Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

Motion by Gorman, second by Tovey, to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Unanimously Approved.

4. Building Committee Update

Denny Tovey noted the Building Committee met twice this month to review options and continue discussion. The Committee is focusing on Option 5 and will try to further develop this option. Terry Schreiber asked if Option 8 had been talked about. Denny Tovey replied yes, these two options were somewhat similar, but most of the discussion was about Option 5. The architects were not present at that meeting. The question was asked if the sketches that Chuck Mueller had done should be part of the Minutes. The next meeting of the Building Committee is December 2nd.

5. Fund Raising Update - nothing further to report.

6. Election Results

Chairman Schreiber noted Karin Badger is a new member. Bob Gorman did not seek re-election. Everyone thanked Mr. Gorman for his past years of service to the Library Board of Trustees.

7. Librarian's Report

Linda Fox, Library Director, reported on the following -

- Statistical Reports for September and October were distributed.
- Pictures were taken at the Chester Elementary School

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Halloween Festival to make into book marks. She thanked the School for their help.

- New Children's Librarian will be starting December 1st, Ann Nord. She has done Children's Programs before. Very enthusiastic. Has volunteered at the Killingworth Library and knows how to use Verso.
- Reviewed staff hours.
- A Master Wild Life Conservationist did a program on Black Bears in Connecticut. 37 attended. It was a great group with some children. He also does a program on bobcats.
- There was a Frozen Program at the Library this morning. It was well attended. The Montessori School was in attendance as well.
- Mrs. Claus will be at the Library on December 14th.
- The Friends Gift Book sale is on December 3rd at 5:00 PM to close. Books will be available for the weekend and anything left over will go to the Holiday Market.
- Zentangles on December 8th.
- Gingerbread Cookie Decorating on December 10th.
- Beowulf will be in the Spring.
- Passport to CT Libraries will in April which is National Library Month.
- Cary Hull noted we need to be active in Town and keep the Town vibrant. We have to keep a positive attitude. We should talk more. Maybe do a walking tour.
- March 6th - the Friends are collaborating with Temple Beth Shalom to do a Human Library Program. Over the next few months, we'll be recruiting additional books.
- The State Statistical Report was turned in on the 12th. It qualifies us to pay for our magazines.

8. The Friends Report

Cary Hull noted they did the application to be on the voting ballot for the Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program. They are also waiting to hear about the Community Foundation Grant.

Motion by Senior-Dauer, second by Gorman, that the Board agreed to share in the gift made in the name of Patty Petrus for her many years of service as the Children's Librarian. Unanimously Approved.

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Cary Hull noted they will be doing the Holiday Market with the same table as last year with books. This is part of the Chester table.

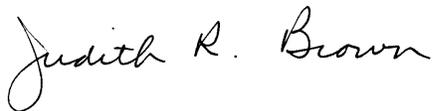
9. Any Other Business

Chairman Schreiber briefly reviewed the Adult Reading Program this summer and the Children's Hour. She noted she couldn't find out when the Children's Hour was. It was suggested the Library page of the website be kept up to date with program dates, etc. Denny Tovey will also send notices to Lynne Jacques regarding the Library Building Committee to include in her weekly email blast.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Tovey, second by Senior-Dauer, to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary