

**Chester Library Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting, October 16, 2017
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1. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held its regular meeting on Monday, October 16, 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. Others present included Stephanie Romano (Library Director) and Selectman Charlene Janecek arrived at 7:45 PM. Elizabeth Tucker was also in the audience. Vice Chairman Senior-Dauer called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

2. Secretary's Report

Motion by Tovey, second by Badger, to approve September 18, 2017 Minutes amended as follows-

- Under 2. Secretary's Report – motion to approve was made by Tovey, not Badger.
- Under 4. Update on Building Committee – add after the word presentation. “Lauren had written a letter to the State Library Board in support of the project, advocating for an extension. Denny said there were six people representing different towns and projects there. All extensions were approved by the State Board without discussion.”
- Under 7d. Interested Candidates – add names at the end – Elizabeth Tucker, Peggy Carter-Ward and Kathy Merola.
- Under 9. Friends Report – add sentence at end- \$1500 was to set up another computer desktop at Town Hall, laptop to stay at Library.

Approved with Prisloe and Carter-Ward abstaining.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Prisloe distributed the Monthly Treasurer's Report. She reviewed expenses, interest and balances. A correction was made to the Savings column, but the total remains the same at \$18,575.11. **Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Tovey, to approve Treasurer's Report as amended. Unanimously Approved.**

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4. Update on Building Committee

Denny Tovey noted everything has been put on hold. First Selectwoman Gister indicated this will be put on hold for awhile to wait and see what happens. Karin Badger asked what the options were at this time. Tovey stated he didn't really know.

5. Allotting funds from Gwen Orton Jones Trust to Librarian

Director Romano distributed a potential list of items that might be purchased from the funds of the Gwen Orton Jones Trust. First Selectwoman Gister suggested she put something in writing as a formal request. It was noted the Trust deposit was \$23,000. Peggy Carter-Ward asked if there was any way to have an outreach to the elderly people who can't come to the Library. The Library serves these people less and less as they get older. This would help people who are homebound or challenged. It was suggested Director Romano call Aaron Manor and other nursing homes in town to see if they have anyone who would need outreach. Stephanie noted it would be like a pop-up library. Vice Chairman Senior-Dauer noted there should be a pop-up library at Cedar Lake, maybe it could be an Eagle Scout Project.

Motion by Prisloe, second by Carter-Ward, to approve the itemized list of items to be purchased from the funds of the Gwen Orton Jones Trust.
Unanimously Approved.

6. Board of Finance Rejection

Denny Tovey noted the Board of Finance rejected this project. It is now with the Board of Selectwomen.

7. Audience of Citizens

Elizabeth Tucker, candidate for the Board, was introduced.

8. Other – none.

9. Librarian's Report

Stephanie Romano reported on the following-

- Good turnout for the Gargoyles Program.

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- Will be holding Part 2 of the Recipe Show.
- Next week on Monday is “One of Windsor.”
- Oct. 29th is Bluebird Nesting Boxes and Backyard Bird Feeding at the Meeting House.

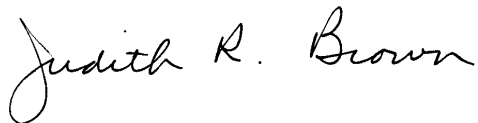
10. The Friends Report

It was noted the Book Sale will be on First Friday in December. Books should be here one month prior. Peggy Carter-Ward asked if someone keeps track of the donated books. Director Romano replied no. Carter-Ward noted it would show they go for a good cause. Maybe an article should go in the Chester Events.

11. Adjournment

Motion by Carter-Ward, second by Prisloe, to adjourn at 8:00 PM.
Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary