

MINUTES OF THE CHESTER LIBRARY BOARD, JULY16, 2018

Trustees present: Terry Schrieber, Peggy Carter- Ward, Karin Badger, Denny Tovey, Sandy Senior-Dauer and library director, Stephanie Romano

Absent: Elizabeth Tucker

Terry called the meeting to order at 7:35 P. M.

The treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Denny had no report from Library expansion committee; the first selectman chose among volunteers a committee to create a new questionnaire.

The trustees considered Elizabeth's questions and reviewed the history of plans for restructuring the library to a new one, highlighting major deficiencies of the present structure and most important current and future needs. Peggy asked what a new library would provide Chester (community room, additional services, etc.) The trustees discussed the future of libraries and how to make libraries more appealing to the populace.

Terry agreed to talk with Lauren about the extension of our \$1 million grant for another year.

Stephanie reported that the summer reading program got off to a great start with about 100 people attending a music program at the United Church.

The language program (Mango) is hardly used, it was suggested that it be dropped and the money used for other things.

Stephanie requested funding for a new rug, bins and a cart. The trustees agreed that the library director should have a \$5,000 discretionary fund to use each year so that small purchases do not have to be approved by the board but no official vote was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M. The next meeting is August 20.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Senior-Dauer