

Chester Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes: Monday, March 20th, 2023

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I. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held a meeting on Monday, March 20th, 2023 at the Chester Public Library. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Karin Badger, Peggy Carter-Ward, Abbi Rice, Devin Chester, Jen Rice and Stephanie Romano, Library Director. Guests in attendance: None. Call to order at 6:02pm by Sandy Senior-Dauer, Chair.

II. Secretary's Report

Motion by Peggy Carter-Ward, 2nd by Karin Badger to approve the February 27th meeting minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report made available to all board members prior to the meeting. No discussion at this time.

IV. Old Business

- A. Mission and Vision: Board members participated in discussion regarding new mission and vision statements. Mission statement completed with motion by Jen Rice, 2nd by Abbi Rice to adopt as written: "The Mission of the Chester Public Library is to foster lifelong learning by providing a thoughtfully curated collection, and interactive and inspiring programs." Unanimous approval. Plan to complete discussion regarding the vision statement and initiate discussion regarding strategic goals at the next meeting.
- B. Meeting Frequency: Discussed decreasing frequency of meetings to every other month. Plan to address further after completion of Strategic Plan.

V. Librarian's Report

The Library Director provided the monthly report to board members prior to the meeting and discussed the following:

- Squirrel Days downtown May 13th. Library will have a table set up with a craft.
- Poetry program scheduled for April 21st at the Meeting House, still in search of additional poets.
- Earth Day April 22nd with a story walk at the library.
- GOJ trust meeting with Essex Financial completed with no major changes at this time.
- Discussed historic pictures from the library and potential to display either at the library or town hall.

VI. New Business:

- Discussed potential summer concert series at the Chester Meeting House. Sandy to investigate bands and available dates.

VII. Audience of Citizens: None

VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Jen Rice, 2nd by Peggy Carter-Ward to adjourn at 7:09pm. Unanimously approved. Next meeting: Monday, April 17th at 6pm at the library.

Respectfully submitted by Jen Rice.