

## Chester Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes: Monday, December 18th, 2023

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### **I. Call to Order**

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held a meeting on Monday, December 18th, 2023 at the Chester Public Library. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Karin Badger, Peggy Carter-Ward, Abbi Rice, Jen Rice, Stephanie Romano, Library Director and Catherine Cahill (new board member not yet sworn-in therefore abstained from voting). Guests in attendance: None. Call to order at 6:05pm by Sandy Senior-Dauer, Chair.

### **II. Secretary's Report**

Motion by Peggy Carter-Ward, 2nd by Karin Badger to approve the October 16th meeting minutes as written. Unanimous approval.

### **III. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report reviewed, nothing new to discuss at this time.

### **IV. Old Business**

- A. Recent programs: Korean Cooking program went well, good attendance. The Kimono program was also well received however conflicted with First Friday. Holiday Craft Fair and Book Sale raised \$525 in book sales. More books are still available for sale by the library's front entrance.

### **V. Librarian's Report**

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

- Library Speakers Consortium: Chester has a microsite that will showcase 3-4 highly acclaimed authors virtually. A link will guide patrons to register for the live author talk with the opportunity to ask questions. These talks will then be archived where you can watch as well if you can't make the live stream. This is a great way to showcase prolific authors without absorbing the erroneous costs. The cost to the library is \$700/yr. Discussed potentially combining a live talk with a book club discussion.
- Morning meditation group beginning January 8, lead by Caryl Horner Mondays at 9:30 at the Meeting House.

### **VI. New Business:**

- A. There is still a vacancy on the board, looking for recommendations/volunteers.
- B. Calendar for 2024: February 26th, April 15th, June 17th, September 16th, November 18th, December 16th.
- C. Election of 2024 officers:
  - a. Sandy Senior-Dauer for Chair, nominated by Karin Badger, second by Jen Rice, all in agreement.
  - b. Karin Badger for Vice Chair, nominated by Sandy Senior-Dauer, second by Abbi Rice, all in agreement.
  - c. Jen Rice for Secretary, nominated by Abbi Rice, second by Karin Badger, all in agreement.
  - d. Catherine Cahill for Treasurer, nominated by Jen Rice, second by Karin Badger, all in agreement.

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- D. Friends meeting/event in April, hopefully in coordination with the April 15th library board meeting.
- E. Other: Discussed purchasing a star for the library however limited by access to outdoor power.

**VII. Audience of Citizens:** None

**VIII. Adjournment:** Motion by Jen Rice, second by Karin Badger to adjourn at 6:50pm. Unanimously approved. Next meeting: Monday, February 26th at 6pm at the library.

*Respectfully submitted by Jen Rice.*