Chester Library Board of Trustees

Special Meeting Minutes: Monday, November 22nd, 2021

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I. Call to Order

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held a special meeting on Monday, November 22nd, 2021 at the library. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Karin Badger, Peggy Carter-Ward, Jen Rice, Abbi Rice, Devin Chester and Stephanie Romano, Library Director. Guests in attendance: None.

Call to order at 6:03pm by Sandy Senior-Dauer, Chair.

II. Secretary's Report

Motion by Karin Badger, 2nd by Devin Chester to approve the October 18th meeting minutes as written. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

Peggy Carter-Ward provided a copy of the most recent report to board members via email prior to the meeting. Briefly reviewed.

IV. Old Business

- A) Sitting garden: Complete.
- B) Approval of the policy manual: Postponed until next meeting. Karin Badger to compile into PDF format for easier access.
- C) Status of the G. Orton-Jones fund: Karin, Stephanie and Jen met with Michael LaRiviere of Essex Financial and Moira Martin of Essex Trust regarding the transition of the trust to Essex Trust. Awaiting Probate hearing.

V. Librarian's Report

Stephanie Romano, Library Director, provided monthly report to board members prior to meeting and discussed the following:

- Book chat at Deep River Public Library December 1st
- December program: Scavenger hunt for elves hidden throughout the library.
- Book drop has arrived and cart for transporting books from the drop to the library purchased. Awaiting installation.

VI. New Business:

- A) Approval of dates for 2022 board meetings: Plan to table until next meeting.
- B) Removal of wooden fence and replacement: Stephanie Romano to add to next year's library budget. Goal is to have fencing along the entire ridge behind the library.
- C) Holiday Market sale of books by Friends: At downtown Chester Holiday Market, Sundays December 5th, 12th and 19th from 10-1pm. Email Roseann Ventimiglia if interested in volunteering. Looking for giftable book donations.
- D) Election of Officers for 2022: Table until next meeting.
- E) Other: None

VII. Audience of Citizens: None.

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VIII. Adjournment: Motion by Jen Rice , 2nd by Peggy Carter-Ward to adjourn at 7:05pm. Unanimously approved.

Next meeting: Monday, December 20th at 6pm.