

## Chester Library Board of Trustees

Meeting Minutes: September 20th, 2021

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

The Chester Library Board of Trustees held a meeting on Monday, September 20th, 2021 at the library. In attendance were Sandy Senior-Dauer, Karin Badger, Jen Rice, Abbi Rice, Devin Chester and Stephanie Romano, Library Director. Absent: Peggy Carter-Ward. Guests in attendance: None.

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

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

Motion by Abbi Rice, 2nd by Karin Badger to approve the August 16th 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. Nothing new to discuss at this time.

### **IV. Old Business**

- A) Outside lights: Stephanie Romano and Karin Badger are still working to coordinate with the town for placement of lights in the parking lot, hoping to use lights previously removed from downtown.
- B) Sitting garden/other outside projects and issues: Per Stephanie Romano, sinkhole repair and removal of overgrown bushes in progress. Still awaiting oil tank removal. After the oil tank is removed and the area leveled, they will be able to install the new solar picnic table set to arrive in October.  
  
Sandy Senior-Dauer to follow up with Chris Lawrie regarding the slow progress of the sitting garden on the other side of the library. Still waiting on mason to finish the stone walls.
- C) Status of book drop: Per Stephanie Romano, the books drop has been ordered, expected to arrive sometime in October. Discussed possible placements to make it available for drive-up.
- D) Friends and fair book sale: Per Sandy Senior-Dauer, the Friends, led by Roseann Ventimiglia, received over \$1900 in donations at the fair book sale. Sandy also spoke with someone who had voiced interest in joining the friends in the hopes of growing the group.

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

Stephanie Romano, Library Director, reported on the following:

- New Children's Librarian Jennifer Shatraw to start Wednesday.
- Working toward CIPA compliance. Sandy Senior-Dauer to add to next month's agenda. The board will have to vote on a new internet policy at the next meeting. Once complaint, will can use funds to purchase additional Hot Spots for patron use.
- Other grants discussed include Community Foundation, LSTA for STEM materials such as Dementia Kits.
- Next program: Nutmeg Nose, October 13th via Zoom.
- Discussed other program ideas including book club, author chats, coordinating with the historical society.

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**VI. New Business:**

- A) Sandy Senior-Dauer and Karin Badger are both up for re-election this November, both plan to run again.
- B) Next meeting: Monday, October 18th at 6pm at the library.

**VII. Audience of Citizens:** None.

**VIII. Adjournment:** Motion by Jen Rice , 2nd by Karin Badger to adjourn at 7:06pm. Unanimously approved.