

Chester Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21, 2025
Call to Order 7:26 pm

I. Call to Order

Present: Dan Mahoney, Noreen Stevenson, Beth Pechman, Maureen Jagos, Tony DiComo

II. Approval of Minutes

Noreen Stevenson made a motion to approve the Minute of the December 2024 meeting. Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 3-0.

III. Correspondence

We received \$10,000 from Senator Skoufis for library programs. Will put \$5,000 towards children's programming.

IV. Disbursements

Dan Mahoney made a motion to approve December's disbursements. Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 3-0.

V. Treasurer's Report

Preliminary numbers-\$365,321.51 current assets. \$131,326.74 in capital. December income-\$2,394.18, expenses \$49,949.13. Year to date- income- \$711,535.89 Expenses \$678,136.22 Surplus-\$33,399.67

Dan Mahoney made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 3-0.

VI. Chester Public Library Director's Report

- The annual report is open and I will begin entering in all of our data and hope to have a completed report for approval next month
- I have been informed by RCLS that the bill NY A02030 is being reintroduced this month. The bill will look into the library double taxation issues throughout the state. At this print it is just to request a study and if the study takes place they will make recommendations on how to unburden the taxpayers affected. This time the bill was introduced by Assembly member Albert Stirpe.
- Our Hot Chocolate Fridays are back for the month of January. This year Janice has been putting out some puzzles and simple games for people to enjoy. It seems to be quite the hit because we have been averaging about 40 people a week. She reached out to Shoprite who generously donated the hot chocolate, paper products, and has been also donating baked goods each week.

- NYLA Advocacy Day is being held on February 5. I will be attending as part of the RCLS cohort.
- In light of Maureen's potential jury duty, she may need to work from home in order to prepare the annual report.

VII. Old Business

N/A

VIII. New Business

We will seek advice from a contractor regarding improvements to the basement.

IX. Town Board Meetings

No report

X. Executive Session

Dan Mahoney made a motion to enter executive session at 7:44 pm regarding a personnel matter. Noreen Stevenson seconds. Vote passed 3-0. Dan Mahoney made a motion to exit the executive session at 7:59 pm. Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 3-0.

Adjournment

Dan Mahoney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm, Beth Pechman seconds. Vote passed 3-0.