

**Chester Public Library**  
Board of Trustees COVID-19 Meeting  
March 18, 2020  
Call to order 7:20

**I. Call to Order Remotely via Conference Call**

*Present - Maureen Jagos, Aurora Robson-Coles, Cindy O'Connor, Kerry Cambria, Allen Hershman, Dan Mahoney.*

**II. Covid-19 Measures**

*Maureen will attend an RCLS conference call tomorrow and report back to the Trustees. RCLS libraries are reporting their closure dates - we are on the shorter end - others are staying closed a little longer. Joni is considering online story times. We discussed curbside delivery which is not advisable for containing the spread of Covid-19. RCLS has shut down functionality of placing holds, etc. One staff person is going to CPL each day to empty the dropbox and wipe down the books/CDs/DVD covers with hospital grade wipes. We discussed other safety measures being taken for protecting the staff / patrons. Cleaning the hard surfaces of the library by Vanguard who has already sanitized the surfaces of the library. One of the CPL staff (Charles) took ill on Friday, and has not been in since.*

*The rest of the staff have been taking turns (one staff member at a time) to keep up with CPL business, including Facebook, emails, keeping up with various services to provide as many services as possible while the library is closed. They are also trying to provide resources to families who have children missing school so that they can keep up to stay relevant and be of service to the community. Some options were discussed regarding online reading sessions for the kids who are out of school. One option is the library might offer video conferencing for reading and group discussions of books. K2 might be the primary emphasis for this because grades 3-12 have chromebooks so they are already doing school work through google classroom. We discussed potential cabin fever issues and what to promote, possibly story walk but with respect for social distancing. The Chester Schools are tentatively set to reopen on April 1st but that seems unlikely at the moment. We also discussed exploring both Facetime Live and possibly a Youtube Channel for the CPL to share stories and other content with the community.*