

Chester Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17, 2023
Call to Order: 7:28 PM.

I. Call to Order

Present: Cindy O'Connor, Maureen Jagos, Allen Herschman, Hema Easley, Daniel Mahoney. Guest: Rachel Neuhaus

II. Approval of Minutes

Vote to approve November and December minutes. C. O'Connor made motions, A. Herschman second. Passed 4-0

III. Correspondence

Check from the County Legislature Office in the amount of \$3382 to be used for telecommerce.

IV. Disbursements

Cindy O'Connor made a motion to approve disbursements from October, November, and December. Allen Herschman seconds. Vote passed 4-0.

V. Treasurer's Report

Table until next month. M. Jagos to check with T. DiComo to make sure H. Easley has access.

VI. Chester Public Library Director's Report

1. For the fourth year, we will be teaming up again with AARP/ United way to provide free tax aid to members of the community. Anyone is able to take advantage of this service; it is not limited to certain populations or those with financial hardships.
2. I have compiled the results of the 2022 community survey and I have provided you with a plan for your approval.
3. I have begun working on the annual report. We have not been notified that the portal has opened but we should be ready when it does.
4. As mentioned last month I will need to take a medical leave of absence beginning January 23rd. I will work from home as much as I am able to and plan to return to work around February 13th.
5. *Allen Herschman made a motion to adopt the Strategic Plan for 2023-2028. Daneil Mahoney seconds. Vote passed 4-0.*

VII. Old Business

Maple Ave. discussion continues. Motion to not move forward with Maple Avenue school by C. O'Connor, A. Herschman second, passed 4-0. Letter to be written to Chester Board of Education withdrawing interest.

VIII. New Business

-We will post on social media and in the Times Herald Record for the new trustee position. Deadline for responses will be set as February 14th, 2023.

-We applied for a community garden grant through the town.

IX. Town Board Meetings

No library business noted.

X. Executive Session

NA

Adjournment 9:08pm

D. Mahoney moved to adjourn, C. O'Connor second.

Submitted by C. O'Connor