



Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board

**Cheshire Public Library
104 Main Street
Cheshire, CT 06410**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: January 27, 2020

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board was called to order by Dalena DeSena at 7:00 p.m. in the Evelyn Moss Room of the library.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Members present:

Dalena DeSena, Chair

Harold Kramer, Vice-Chair

Terry Grahame, Treasurer

Tod Dixon, Secretary

Kathleen Nankin

Jodee Heritage

Beth Crowley

II. Approval of Minutes from December 16, 2019

Motion made by Kathleen Nankin to approve the Minutes from December 16, 2019. Tod Dixon seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by those present.

III. Treasurer's Report

There is \$645.00 in the treasury.

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IV. Communications

The renewal information for the ACLB membership will be forwarded to Beth Crowley. The annual ACLB meeting will be scheduled on April 27 and 28 in Mystic, CT.

V. Report of the Chair

Mrs. DeSena will be stepping down as Chair and Mr. Kramer will assume this role. Waiting on official turnover of the Chair. Mrs. DeSena will continue to serve as an active member on the Library Board.

VI. Report of the Library Director

- Budget: The draft of the library budget has been submitted to the Town Manager. While most line items remain flat, the ACLB membership dues have increased to \$135.00
- Programming:

The January After Hours program was a hula hoop party will approximately 100 attendees.

Sessions to try the virtual reality headset will be held on the first Monday of the month. Six sessions have taken place with 48 participants.

Plans continue for the Civic Engagement conversations. Thanks to Harold Kramer for securing Larry Rifkin to be the moderator. He has done numerous panels at the Silas Bronson and Prospect Public Libraries as well as Connecticut Humanities, the Fairfield History Center and the Connecticut Community Foundation.

The “No Fines Campaign” is on Ms. Crowley’s performance goals list for this year.

Plans are underway for the summer programs.

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- Building and Grounds:

Town leaders met with the White Oak Baptist Church regarding parking. The Town Council is waiting on an offer from the Church for the next lease contract that would go into effect on April 1st.

- Professional Activities: Ms. Crowley attended the Connecticut State Library Board meeting where the final candidate for the new State Librarian was introduced to the Board and selection committee. Once the candidate passes the background check, an official announcement will be made. This is anticipated during the first week of March.

Respectfully Submitted by
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Please see our monthly calendar at www.cheshirelibrary.org for a full listing of library programs and events.

VII. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

VIII. New Business

Please support the Budget Hearing. Information regarding the date will be announced once it becomes available.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board will be held on **Monday, February 17, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Evelyn Moss Room at the Cheshire Public Library, 104 Main Street, Cheshire. Please notify Beth Crowley at 203-272-2245 x33021 or Dalena DeSena at 203-415-7781 in advance if you are unable to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Guite, Recording Secretary