I. Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members and attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

In attendance:
Carol DiPietro, Chair
Joy Hostage, Vice Chair
Dolores DiNicola,
   Corresponding Secretary
Terry Grahame, Treasurer
Craig Wilson
Kathy Nankin
Ramona Harten, Library Director
Marlena Sobel, visitor

Excused:
Marilyn Bartoli

II. February Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Craig Wilson to accept the minutes, SECONDED by Dolores DiNicola. The minutes were unanimously approved with a voice vote.

III. Treasurer's Report

$887.50
IV. Reports of Committees

- **School-Library Partnership**: Carol DiPietro relayed information from Sue Hartley.
  - February vacation programs were all very well attended. The attendance averaged over 80 people for the children’s movie on February 15th, the Traveling Lantern performance of *Dorothy and the Wizard of Oz* on February 17th, and folksinger Phil Rosenthal on February 18th. Eric Nelson, local biologist, also held two presentations on basic science activities and winter survival skills. Cheshire native Shani Petroff read from one of her preteen books in the *Bedeviled* series.
  - The regular programs have also been well attended. In particular, Family Place for ages 1 to 3 has been averaging over 60 participants a week. The afterschool story and craft sessions have also been very popular.
  - Sue Hartley and Noureen Hakim hosted a special ed class on Tuesday, March 6th. Students had a tour of the Children’s room and the main level. They got new library cards and were able to take out one book.
  - Ms. Hartley prepared a report on the Literacy Kit circulation. The 29 kits currently available went out 135 times. Ms. Harten noted that the Literacy Kits were made possible through a grant given to the library by Cheshire Nursery School when it closed.

- **Funding Resources**: No report.

- **Marketing Plan**: The committee met today at 6:00 p.m. with Ms. Harten and held discussion to begin to build the framework for the marketing plan.

V. Communications

Carol DiPietro responded to 6 to 7 emails received by the Town Council last month which contained erroneous information about material selection at the library. She indicated in her responses that, based on policy information dating over 25 years, the Library Advisory Board has never had the authority for materials selection. The Town Council has received no further communication on the issue since then.

An invitation was received from the Cheshire Environment Commission to attend an Open Space Open House to be held at the library on April 22nd, 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

VI. **Report of the Chair** - Carol DiPietro

See **Communications**.
VII. **Report of the Library Director** - Ramona Harten

See attached report.

Ms. Harten reported that Cheshire Public Library has the 7th highest circulation of libraries in Connecticut.

VIII. **Unfinished Business**

None.

IX. **New Business**

Ms. Harten informed Board members about the Annual Connecticut Library Association conference to be held on Monday and Tuesday, April 19 and 20, at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville.

Ms. Hostage reported that the Association of Connecticut Library Boards would be having a presentation at the conference also.

Because of the conference, the April Cheshire Library Advisory Board meeting has been changed from April 19 to April 26.

Ms. DePietro selected Craig Wilson and Dolores DiNicola for the nominating committee to form a slate of officers. Terms of office are for one year, and duration of terms for Board members are four years. Election of officers will be held at the April Meeting.

X. **Adjournment**

MOTION was made by Craig Wilson to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Dolores DiNicola. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Cheshire Public Library Advisory Board will be held on Monday, April 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m., in the Evelyn Moss Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riccitelli,
Recording Secretary