

CHAPLIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees Meeting
Chaplin, Connecticut
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2020

Chairperson Victor Boomer called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM. Board members present were Adele Swart, Diane Cox, Leslie Ricklin and Jeanette Haines. Others present was Library Director Sandra Horning. Unable to attend was Board member Bill Jenkins.

3. APPROVE SPECIAL MINUTES OF AUGUST 24, 2020:

Motion to approve the special meeting minutes from August 24, 2020, was made by Adele Swart, seconded by Leslie Ricklin and carried unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

An email was received from A-Z World Culture regarding a trial demonstration for an online resource not specific to travel. The Board is asked to review the site and send any interest to Sandra Horning by September 30th.

6. REPORTS:

A. Director's Report:

- The Library opened August 10th and was only open 10 days with the power outage. There were 128 people in-person (including 14 curbside) at an average of 13 per day.
- Total circulation was 470, with 263 items checked out. Electronic checkouts were 66.
- The budget is on track.
- The Library is open on Saturdays starting on September 12th with families slowly starting to return.
- The new computer and laptop have not arrived yet.
- The Wednesday PreK Storytime at the Pavilion went well with 5-6 families (15-20 people) in attendance. Each table seated one family with a little craft pack that requires more prep work. It was a little windy but parents were happy to get their kids outside.
- The Tea Time Book Chat went well at the Pavilion with 8 people in attendance. The next chat will be held on October 9th.
- The Virtual Black Bear program was well attended with 18-20 people online.
- The Cookbook Club will meet for a Virtual Happy Hour on October 7th at 6pm. 10 people have already signed up.
- Aprons are on display in the Library and cost \$7.

B. Member's Report: No Report

C. Chair Report: No Report

7. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

A. Speaker Programs:

Upcoming events include the following:

- Preschool Storytime at the Pavilion Wednesdays 10:30 – 11:30am.

- Cookbook Club Virtual Happy Hour Wednesday, October 7th at 6pm.
- Tea Time Book Chat at the Pavilion Friday, October 9th at 3pm.
- Virtual Witches in Connecticut Monday, October 26th at 6:30pm via Zoom (charge is \$200).
- Chaplin Ukulele Club at Garrison Pavilion Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:30pm.

Programs being considered and waiting for more information are Mark Twain – American Presidents (cost \$200) and Mother/Daughter Team - Grounded Good Wife – Suffrage in Corselets, the evolution of underwear in the 19th Amendment. Victor Boomer suggested the Mark Twain program would be good in November with upcoming elections.

B. Landscaping:

The landscaper came and planted Asters and Black-Eyed Susan with no charge for them due to it being so dry.

C. Handicap Access: No Update

D. Discuss Reopening of the Library:

The Library is open but not hosting in-person events. Reopening is going well with some familiar families coming back to the Library after school.

E. Discuss the role of a Poet Laureate:

The Board was presented with a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding a Poet Laureate. Some minor changes were made and the letter will be submitted to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion for the Chaplin Library Board of Trustees to endorse statement regarding Poet Laureate for Chaplin for submission to the Board of Selectmen, was made by Leslie Ricklin, seconded by Diane Cox and carried unanimously.

F. Discuss the Town's policy on racism:

Diane Cox reported the Board of Selectmen agreed to let the policy on racism stand as is. Per the statement from the ALA, the Chaplin Library condemns racism and injustice. The statement will be included in the Policies Manual after the Bill of Rights.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Speaker Programs
- Handicap Access
- Discuss the role of a Poet Laureate

Diane Cox asked about celebrating Halloween with Trunk or Treat. Sandra Horning will follow up with the Town as there is no stance yet. The Library will be open and candy will be available for children who come in dressed up in costume.

9. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn (7:25 PM) was made by Leslie Ricklin, seconded by Jeanette Haines and carried unanimously.

***Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Scott
Recording Clerk***