

CHESHIRE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2008

1. Call to Order

- The regular meeting of the Cheshire Library Board was called to order by Joy Hostage at 7:07 p.m. on February 25, 2008, in the Evelyn Moss Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

2. In Attendance

- The following persons were present:

Marilyn Bartoli	Deborah Rutter (Deputy Library Dir.)
Dolores DiNicola	Joe Raines
Carol DiPietro	Craig Wilson
Ramona Harten (Library Dir.)	Elizabeth Esty (Town Council liaison)
Joy Hostage	Cindy Riccitelli (Secretary)

3. Introductions and welcome by Joy Hostage to Dolores DiNicola, new Board Member, and Cindy Riccitelli, secretary.

4. January Meeting Minutes

Joy Hostage noted that a quorum was present. Amendments were made to the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2008. The minutes were unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer is recovering from surgery.
- Reminder about the Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference in Mystic on April 28-30, 2008.

6. Reports of Committees

- Policy: Meeting room use policy stands as is. Elizabeth Esty reported that the Town Council has this on their agenda. Discussion followed regarding Town building room usage for meetings.
- School-Library Partnership: Carol DiPietro relayed February activities highlighted in communication from Sue Hartley.
 - February 12th, members of the Dodd Middle School Junior Honor Society hosted a Read-Aloud and Craft for children ages 5-8. In

honor of Black History Month, they read "An Apple for Harriet Tubman." In honor of Women's History Month, they read "Amelia and Eleanor Go For a Ride."

- February 19th, the Library presented the "Yo-Yo People," a husband and wife team who did fascinating tricks with yo-yo's.
- February 21st, the Library welcomed back "Playtivity," a highly energetic husband and wife team of Craig Norton and Virginia Johnson, who led the children in music, drumming, and songs.
- "Nutmeg" intermediate and young adult books have arrived, and multiple copies are available.
- Funding Resources: Elizabeth Esty discussed various factors affecting funding relative to the Town budget process.

7. Communications

Joy Hostage: Thank yous were written to Deborah Wylie, Friends of the Cheshire Public Library, Garden Club, Inge Venus, Suburban Garden Club, and the Cheshire Herald.

8. Report of the Library Board Chair - Joy Hostage

- Thursday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 p.m., meeting with the Town Council for dinner and info.
- March 13-15, Friends of the Library book sale.
- Tuesday, March 18, Town Council initial presentation of the overall budget.
- Chamber of Commerce with Town Council, meeting to be rescheduled.
- Sunday Library hours have been successful.
- Library Board's budget for 2008: \$550. Budget for 2009: \$1,750.

9. Report of Acting Library Director - Deborah Rutter

- See report attached.
- Ramona Harten thanked Deborah Rutter for a job well done as Acting Director in her absence.

10. Old Business

By-laws - Vote was taken and unanimously approved to table this item to the next meeting.

11. New Business

Discussion of Library fees, fines and replacement charges, and policy of money going into the Town's General Fund.

12. **Other**

- Craig Wilson shared pamphlets from libraries on Cape Cod.
- Joy Hostage complimented the painting display in the Moss room.

13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The next meeting of the Cheshire Library Board will be held on Monday, March 17, 2008, in the Evelyn Moss Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riccitelli