

CHESHIRE LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2008

1. Call to Order

- The regular meeting of the Cheshire Library Advisory Board was called to order by Joy Hostage at 7:04 p.m. on March 17, 2008, in Room 115 at the Cheshire Town Hall.

In Attendance

Marilyn Bartoli (absent)	Joy Hostage, Chair
Dolores DiNicola	Kathleen Kenney
Carol DiPietro	Craig Wilson
Terry Grahame, Treas. (excused)	Cindy Riccitelli, Secretary
Ramona Harten, Library Dir.	

2. February Meeting Minutes

Joy Hostage noted that a quorum was present. The minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

- The treasurer is recovering from surgery.
- Current balance is \$460.
- Discussion about the Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference in Mystic on April 28-30, 2008.
- Ideas were shared concerning long-term planning, specifically in regards to parking.

4. Reports of Committees

- Policy: Vote was unanimous to remove this item from the Agenda at this time; awaiting Town Council's input regarding use of Town building rooms for meetings.
- School-Library Partnership: No report at this time.
- Funding Resources: Town Council budget in process. Recommendation for Library is for 5.8% increase: 4.7% including salaries, 1.1% non-salary expenses.
 - Joy Hostage encouraged members of the Cheshire Women's Club to remember the Library in their wills.

5. Communications

Joy Hostage: Circulated pamphlet from Taft Educational Center offering Library workshops for teachers. Note from Inge Venus shared with the Board. Letter sent to Joe Raines thanking him for his service on the Board.

6. Report of the Library Board Chair - Joy Hostage

- February 28, administration held training session with information. Attended by Joy Hostage, Deb Rutter, and Craig Wilson. Discussion included Freedom of Information, Conflict of Interest, and Robert's Rules.
- March 17, Sue Hartley held a Children's Librarian's Round Table regarding Intermediate 2009 Nutmeg Books.
- Saturday, March 22, Town Council joins Chamber of Commerce for 2010 Forum, for Board and Commission Chairs, regarding planning Cheshire's future.
- April 28-30, Connecticut Library Association Conference in Mystic.
- One Book Project: *Fahrenheit 451*, by Ray Bradbury. This nationwide project will include programs in the New Haven area in May.

7. Guest speaker - Kelley Gile, Youth Librarian

- On staff since mid-December, Kelley brings enthusiasm and new ideas. She shared about her background, education, and experience.
- Because of her love for music, and public school teaching experience, she is able to incorporate these into current programs for youth.
- Currently, Drop-In Story Time on Wednesday afternoons has averaged 17 children per session, 3-7 years old, with parents staying also.
- Kelley is visiting Manson Youth Prison in Cheshire once a month to hold teen book discussions for inmates.
- Japanese Anime (animation) and Manga (drawing) is an area of personal interest to Kelley, and she is actively working on collection development and programming, with Friday afternoon (3:30-4:30) youth activity once a month (including Japanese snacks), with plan to expand to weekly. Kelley sees Manga as an opportunity for establishing relationships with the youth at the Library.
- Future development:
 - Development of a children's graphic novel section and sequential art.
 - Story Time Kits for circulation.

8. **Report of the Library Director** - Ramona Harten
See report attached.
9. **Unfinished Business**
By-laws - Vote was taken and unanimously approved to table this item to the April meeting.
10. **New Business**
Discussion of FOI/Robert's Rules/Conflict of Interest.
11. **Adjournment**
The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next meeting of the Cheshire Library Board will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008, in the Evelyn Moss Room of the Cheshire Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riccitelli