

**CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(CPLAC)**

MEETING NOTES

CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHATHAM NY

DATE: May 5, 2015
TIME: 10:00 AM – Noon

Muriel Faxon ; Teri Conte ; Lael Locke ; Al Vinck ;
Karen Malina, Co-Chair ; John McGowan, Co-Chair ;
Georgene Gardner ; Julie DeLisle, Library Director ;
Cheryl Nuciforo, Superintendent ; Mike Chudy, School District Designee ;
Representative of Friends of the Chatham Library ;
Others in attendance: _____

A. CALL TO ORDER Time: 10:05 AM

B. APPROVAL OF PRESENT AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved as drafted.

D. FRIENDS' REPORT

John delivered a report from Rebecca Greer, who was unable to attend. The highlights:

- The Friends have two new board members: Joanne Gerstel & Damaris Botwick.
- Four new museums were added to the Pass Program: Olana, Steepletop, Museum of Innovation & Science, and USS Slater.
- The Tessa Edick event was attended by about 25 people and food was donated by local businesses.
- Peter Jung will speak on the Hudson River School painters on May 21 at 6:30 PM.
- David Black will read from his new novel on June 20.
- The Friends are starting their annual membership drive.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public present.

F. NEWS FROM BOE

There was nothing to report this month.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRS

John announced that Julie cannot attend our June meeting (scheduled for June 2) due to a Mid-Hudson Library System library director's meeting that day. He

also said that Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich of MHLS would be willing to attend one of our meetings to get us started on Strategic Planning. She proposed a 1.5 hour program on crafting a vision statement for the library which she could present to us on June 16. We decided to move our June meeting to June 16 at 9:30 AM. We'll have the 90-minute vision workshop followed by our regular business meeting. **Julie will confirm with Rebekkah and John will tell Ann Flanagan about the change.**

We also decided to address our July and August meeting dates at the next meeting.

John and Georgene briefly described their experiences at the school district long range planning meetings. Both were very positive in their comments about the process and the other participants from the community.

H. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Julie presented her report. Highlights:

- The Art School of Columbia County provided a \$500 grant for children's programming. This will be part of the summer reading program.
- There is a possibility of getting an intern funded by Columbia County through CGCC.
- There is a talking book reader available through Federal and state funding which Julie is exploring.
- Library construction grants are available from the state for projects that improve accessibility, energy efficiency, and expanded services. Mike cautioned that any changes to the structure have to be approved by SED, but we can do minor projects. These grants require matching funding by the library and because our organizational situation (under the school district) is so unique it becomes complicated. It also raised the question of fund raising for the library. This is a tricky issue which the BOE would have to decide. **As far as the changes that Julie is thinking about, Mike will discuss further with Julie and the school architect.**

I. OLD BUSINESS

I.1 Update On Defensive Driving Class

Al gave us an update on his discussions with the two local providers. We then chose one of the individuals and decided that we'd like to start in September and, depending on how things go, have another session in April 2016. Muriel reported that Camphill Ghent was very cooperative and is willing to host the sessions. **Al and Muriel will follow-up and try to nail down a date for the September session.**

I.2 Strategic Planning Update (Space, Vision, etc.)

We'll start on June 16 with a visioning workshop. See Section G above.

I.3 Book Group Update

Georgene reported that a small group attended and results were positive. There will be another session next month.

In other Programming Committee news, Al Stumph has joined the committee and they are talking about joining the Floral Parade at the CC Fair this Labor Day. Perhaps Julie can dress as Athena and throw flowers from the float.

J. NEW BUSINESS

J.1 Collection Development

This issue was deferred to the next meeting.

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

K.1 Fall Staff Reception By CPLAC (for July Agenda)

ADJOURNMENT Time: 11:45 AM

Motion by Teri, Second by Muriel.

NOTE: **Bold type** in the body of the notes above is used to indicate “action items” for specified committee members.

Next Meeting: June 16, 2015, 9:30 AM - Noon, Chatham Public Library