

CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CPLAC)

MEETING NOTES

CHATHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY
CHATHAM NY

DATE: September 5, 2017
TIME: 10 AM – Noon

Muriel Faxon X; Lael Locke, Co-Chair regrets;
Melissa Sarris regrets; John McGowan, Co-Chair X; Joanne Gerstel X;
Rosemary Vickery X; Julie DeLisle, Library Director X; Winnie Legere X;
Beth Hover X; Sal DeAngelo, Superintendent regrets; Mike Chudy, School
District Designee X;
Representative of Friends of Chatham Library, Rebecca Greer X;

A. CALL TO ORDER **Time: 10:05**

B. APPROVAL OF PRESENT AGENDA

Agenda approved as written.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Meeting Minutes approved as written.

D. FRIENDS' REPORT

Rebecca shared the following information:

The next presentation event will be held 9/23 - Jo Page, author of "Preaching in My Yes Dress, Confessions of a Reluctant Pastor."

There are no events scheduled for October as several other events are going on in town.

Francis Greenburger, author of "Risk Game" & founder of OMI Arts Center is scheduled for November.

The Friends are seeking suggestions for speakers for the 2018 series.

E. PUBLIC COMMENT

Muriel Faxon complimented Julie on the shelf displays; purging old materials has been ongoing & the state of the library positively reflects this.

F. NEWS FROM BOE

Two new BOE representatives were welcomed to the committee: Winnie Legere & Beth Hover. The chair recognized the contributions of outgoing BOE members Muriel Faxon & Teri Conte. Muriel expects that the new superintendent will attend a future CPLAC meeting. John suggested we speak to him regarding the role & responsibilities of CPLAC at that time.

G. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRS

Nomination & selection of new CPLAC Officers took place and are as follows:

Lael Locke - Chair
Roe Vickery - Co-chair
John McGowan - Secretary

2017-18 Meeting Dates were set:

October 3rd - 1 PM (note change in meeting time for this date only)
November 7th; December 5th; January 2nd; February 6th; March 6th; April 3rd; May 1st; June 5th - all scheduled for 10 AM.

The committee agreed to schedule the entire year and recognize that some meetings may be cancelled dependent upon the tasks needing to be accomplished.

H. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Julie shared the following information:

Chatham is part of the mid-Hudson Library system, consisting of 66 libraries covering the counties of Columbia, Greene, Putnam, Ulster & Dutchess. Julie serves as president of the Columbia County Library Association.

Recent accomplishments were noted:

- Successful reinstatement of funding from the county for Columbia County association.
- Developing the Opioid collection of books to share amongst the libraries.
- Narcan training for library staff
- Summer reading program theme of "Build a Better World" was successful
- Solar Eclipse event well attended, the astronomer who spoke at the event was very well received & Julie will invite her back for future presentations
- Planetarium program event was also very well received
- September 23rd - Ukulele Jam is scheduled, Jim Beloff will attend and the library now has 5 ukuleles to loan out.
- Family Literacy Grant will fund the October 19th event, an in-service and public program, "Singing to Your Baby." This event is free and supports parents' efforts at developing language acquisition through song for children.
- The county library association hosted a table at the Columbia County Fair, new library card applications were distributed as well as other literature regarding library services.
- A new movie streaming service, Kanopy, has been piloted.
- The library is supporting a middle school "Battle of the Books" team, the competition is to be held later this month.
- Fern Pellettieri, a very valued employee, has announced she will retire in November of this year. Recognition of her contribution to the library will

take place at the Library Appreciation event, tentatively scheduled for November.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Report Update

Plan is completed & available in the library. Review of what we will do with the **Strategic Plan is set as a future agenda item.**

Parking Update

Mike will follow up on securing the Library Patron parking signs. Middle School staff have been asked to park further down on Woodbridge Avenue thus allowing more parking available to library patrons.

J. NEW BUSINESS

New BOE Reps

Winnie Legere & Beth Hover were welcomed to the Committee as new BOE reps

Landscape Issues - completed over the summer months

Handicap Access - following an incident witnessed by Joanne of watching a wheelchair bound patron attempt to (unsuccessfully) open the downstairs doors, a suggestion was made that Mike look into getting a **Wheelchair Access door button**. Mike is meeting with the architect and will pursue this and report at a future meeting.

K. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Projects For Space Plan - Julie to develop plan for use of physical space
Library Appreciation Event (November) to include recognition of retiring employee

Budget Planning (December)

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 11:24