

Chester Springs Library
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2019

Present: Board President, Melissa Geoghegan; Board Members, Allie Kring, Kate Lamb, Sarah Thompson, and Library Director, Nancy Niggel.

Absent: James Dale, Cesar Madarang, Wendy DiCicco.

Minutes:

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Melissa at 6:05 pm.

2. Approval of the minutes from October 2019

- A motion was made by Allie to approve the minutes from November as submitted. Sarah seconded the motion.

3. Treasurer's Report

- Cesar was absent from the meeting. It is likely that we will be close to the budget for both income and expenditure.

4. Joe Sherwood, Executive Director of CCLS

- The State increased funding to PA Libraries by \$5m. The funding formula to distribute these funds has changed for 2020.
- The Chester County Budget was approved December 12. An additional \$100,000 has been granted to CCLS to purchase materials, and this will be distributed as per the new formula.
- There are two new Chester County Commissioners, Josh Maxwell and Marian Moskowitz, they are joining Michelle Kichline. Joe met with them December 3rd, and they will be touring the libraries in February.
- Keystone Grants are available to Libraries, as well as Parks and Museums in PA. They are competitive grants funded by the property transfer tax. Tredyffrin received \$50,000 to install LED lighting. The Library's Municipality must apply on the Library's behalf. A letter of intent is due by the end of December.

5. Old Business

- We have received a very positive response to the Annual Appeal.
- The amended budget was introduced by Nancy. A motion was proposed by Allie to adopt the revised budget as presented to accommodate Ariel's hiring. It was seconded by Sarah and passed unanimously.

6. New Business

- Nominations have been received for the 2020 Board of Trustees as follows. Nominations will continue to be accepted until the vote at the January meeting.

Melissa Geoghegan – President

Allie Kring – Vice President

Dorene Guistwhite – Treasurer

Kate Lamb – Secretary

Sarah Thompson – Standing Member

James Dale – Standing Member

Wendy DiCicco – Standing Member

7. Director's Report

- Haly have serviced the Hvac system
- Donuts for voters was a success, and we will repeat next year.
- Holiday Stroll story time was successful, with 25 children attending the event.
- The pop-up book sale will continue until the end of the week.
- The January calendar is out, and there are several activities planned for the end of December over the school break.
- Ariel will begin full time in January.
- CCLS has a new app, and Melissa will advertise on social media.
- Both robotics teams presented/competed last weekend. The older team qualified for States.
- The new chairs and TV have arrived, and we thank Tom Niggel for his help assembling these items.

8. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. The next meeting will take place at 6pm, January 21, 2020 at CSL.

9. An Executive Session was held after the regular meeting to discuss The Library's lease.

Respectfully submitted

Kate Lamb

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