

CHATHAM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 19th, 2023 6:00 PM

I. Board Meeting Called to Order

Vice-President, C. Westerlund called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The following board members were present: J. Moore, V. Ross, J. Vaughn, and D. Roberts. Director Byers was also present.

President M. Roubitchek was absent.

II. Oath of Office - Jenny Vaughn

C. Westerlund administered the oath of office to Jenny Vaughn, who was elected in April 2023.

III. Trustee Candidate Interviews

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A motion to move into executive session was made by J. Moore and seconded by V. Ross. The motion passed.

Trustees interviewed candidates for the open trustee seat.

A motion to return from executive session was made by D. Roberts, and seconded by J. Vaughn. The motion passed.

IV. Recognition of Visitors / Public Comments

Any person may comment on issues or ask questions of the Board, subject to reasonable constraints. The individuals appearing before the Board are expected to identify himself or herself and be brief. Comments shall be limited to five minutes.

No visitors were present and no public comment was made.

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 15th, 2023 meeting was made by J. Vaughn and seconded by J. Moore. The motion passed.

VI. Treasurer's Report / Review of Payments

V. Ross discussed the May financials. She noted the extra costs for books/materials, as well as the Summer Reading Kickoff performer.

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Review of Payments was made by J. Vaughn, and seconded by J. Moore. The motion passed.

VII. Reports

A. Library Director's Report

Director Byers discussed her May recap with the board. She noted that Chuck Hunt came by to discuss the 457b plan with staff. Also, Business Manager, Rachel Shew resigned after two months. However, Erica Beeman, former Bookkeeper agreed to come back to the role in a full-time basis.

A motion to approve the Director's report was made by D. Roberts, and seconded by J. Moore. The motion passed.

B. Legislative Update - HB2789

VIII. Westerlund discussed the Book Banning Law, that was signed by Gov. Pritzker. She noted that CAPLD already has a collection development policy with reconsideration form.

A. Guide to the Paid Leave for All Workers Act

Director Byers shared documentation regarding the new Paid Leave for all Worker's Act. This new law goes into effect in January 2024.

B. Newspaper Articles

Newspaper articles were noted

C. Friends of the Library Update

The Friends are preparing for their July booksale.

D. Library Foundation Report

The Foundation had a successful launch for The Backyard at the Library on June 9th. They've added fundraising sites to stimulate more donations for the project.

E. Art Committee Update

The Springfield Arts and Crafts Club held their reception on June 9th. Our next show will be for Kristin Diehl in August.

F. ILA Report

Director Byers shared information on her ILA projects for May/June. She also shared information regarding the ILA conference, which will be held in Springfield in October.

G. Tax Receipts Update

May tax income was noted.

H. Other

There was no other business to discuss.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. Proposed Budget FY 23-24

Director Byers reviewed the proposed budget.

A motion was made by J. Vaughn, and was seconded by J. Moore. Roll call vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

B. Vacant Library Board Trustee Position

A motion to move into executive session was made by J. Moore and was seconded by J. Vaughn. The motion was approved.

The board reviewed and discussed the 6 candidates.

A motion to return from executive session was made by J. Moore, and seconded by J. Vaughn. The motion passed.

A motion to select Rodd Whelpley as the next Chatham Area Public Library trustee was made by J. Vaughn and seconded by D. Roberts. A roll call vote occurred, and the motion was approved.

C. Other

There was no other business to discuss.

X. New Business

A. Library Board and Foundation Agreement

The board reviewed the agreement, and made comments. A. Byers said she would take their feedback and return with a final document.

B. Second Quarter Usage Report

VP Westerlund asked the board to review this document.

C. De-Annexation Notice

VP Westerlund asked the board to review this document.

D. Other

There was no other business to discuss.

XI. Announcements

A. Next Board Meeting – July 17th, 2023

B. Friends of the Library Book Sale – July 22nd, 2023

XII. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by J. Moore, and was seconded by J. Vaughn. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.