

Manchester Library Board Meeting Minutes March 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by Miriam Byroade at 632pm

Members Present: Miriam Byroade, Karl Hasel, Jessica Scorso, Mary Fischer and Grace Cedrone

Also Present: Doug McDonough, Norma Nevers, Dede Moore and Jeff Capone **Members Absent:** David Austin, Sally Nyhan, and Norman DeLaura II

Secretary: Grace Cedrone

Jeff Capone, Fiduciary Investment Advisors, reviewed Library Investments. There have been modest changes in balances since the last update.

Adoption of Minutes: Minutes from the January 30, 2017 meeting were accepted.

Public Comment: None

Librarians Report: Doug McDonough reviewed highlights of the budget request for next year, increasing about 2% due to rising costs of Health Care and Labor Costs. Funds for adult programs were requested to increase from \$1,000 to \$2,500 now that Whiton's auditorium is accessible and can be used more often. The newly renovated Auditorium at Whiton has many programs scheduled in the coming weeks.

Norma Nevers said that "The Friends of the Library" book sale on February 25th was very successful, netting over \$2000.

The Childrens Librarians are planning wonderful activities & programs for April Vacation week and also planning for this summer's reading program. Childrens Services is continuing their partnership, programming with Manchester Early Learning Centers and Elementary Schools.

Miriam Byroade and her 11 year old son, Walter, attended a State Budget committee meeting in Hartford, speaking on behalf of CT Libraries, which may receive less funding this year due to State Budget cuts.

Old Business: None

New Business: Letter from Board Member Mary Jane Pazda stating her resignation from the Library Board due to scheduling conflict.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:07pm. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Grace Cedrone