

FINAL  
**Conant Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** April 14, 2025

**Attendance:**

Present: Jennifer Bennett, Ann Goodrich-Bazan, Meggan Hodgman, Nichole Pelkey, Thea Marsh, Jenn Howe, Library Director Barry Deitz; Mary Gannon arrived halfway through; Excused Absences: Kristin Landry, Jeny Levissee

**Meeting convened:** 6:30 p.m. meeting called to order by Ann.

**Museum Presentation**

Annalise Lozier, Assistant Librarian, gave a presentation on the new web-based catalog of our historical items (Catalogit). There are about 320 items uploaded so far, but she has accessioned approximately 800 items. Her hard work has paid off and this will be a great step toward getting grants and for making our historical items available to the public.

An appraiser (S. L. Huntington) came to assess and appraise the two Henry Pratt organs upstairs. He said that they are worth \$350k and \$200k, and in the best condition he has ever seen organs. Our taller organ is in better condition than the one at Sturbridge Village, and he said that if it were not here at our library, it would be in the Smithsonian. He gave an invoice of \$1,000 for writing up a report of the appraisal. We will hold off on moving forward with the written report for now.

**Officer Nominations**

Jenn Howe nominated Thea Marsh for Chair, Meggan seconded. 6 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries. Ann Goodrich-Bazan nominated herself as Vice Chair, Thea seconded. 6 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries. Ann nominated Jenn Howe as Treasurer, Meggan seconded. 6 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries. Jennifer Bennett nominated herself for Secretary, Jenn Howe seconded. 6 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries.

**Reports**

**Secretary's report**

Thea made a motion to approve the 03/10/25 minutes, with amendments (edit the date of April's meeting at the end). Ann seconded. No discussion. 3 yes, 3 abstentions. Motion carries.

**Treasurer's Report**

We lost money this quarter from the Trust Funds because of the issues from the stock market. Meggan made a motion to request \$10,000 from the Edith Atkins trust fund, Thea seconded.

Discussion ensued; 7 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries. (Mary Gannon arrived late in time for this vote.) Thea made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and place it up for audit, Ann seconded. No discussion; 7 yes, no abstentions. Motion carries.

### **Director's Report**

See attached report.

### **Committees**

#### **Policy/By-Laws Committee**

Volunteers to join: Ann Goodrich-Bazan, Nichole Pelkey, Jeny Levissee

#### **Finance Committee**

Volunteers to join: Jenn Howe, Thea Marsh, Nichole Pelkey

There was a Zoom meeting with Dan, Ann, and Barry on March 19, 2025.

#### **Museum Committee**

Volunteers to join: Jennifer Bennett, Thea Marsh, Jeny Levissee

#### **Building Committee**

Volunteers to join: Mary Gannon, Thea Marsh, Meggan Hodgman

#### **Marketing Committee**

Volunteers to join: Jennifer Bennett, Jenn Howe, Meggan Hodgman

### **New Business**

#### **Continuing with Strategic Planning**

Committees will meet to start tackling some of the short-term items on the list.

**Meeting adjourned:** Mary made a motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. Jennifer seconded. No further discussion; 7 yes; No abstentions; Motion carries.

Next meeting is Monday May 12, 2025

Submitted by,

Secretary  
Jennifer Bennett