

MINUTES PDTC
Monday, August 22, 2022
Preston Public Library, 389 CT-2, Preston CT

1. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by chair Nick Vegliante
Attendance: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Linda Christensen, Teresa Eickel, Jerry Grabarek, Susan Hotchkiss, Sean Nugent, Karen Stockton Nick Vegliante
Excused: Megan Gallant, Melissa Lennon, Anne Sabrowski, Kayla Thompson
Absent: Deb Grabarek
Guest: Jill S. Keith
2. Motion to approve July Minutes by Sean N., seconded Linda C. Passed.
3. Treasurer's Report by Karen S. balance unchanged at \$1004.64
4. New Business
 - a. Fall Fundraiser and Meet and Greet: Nick is asking for volunteers to manage this. He is very busy, but will help arrange for candidates to appear. Primary goal is Meet and Greet; secondary raising funds. Tentatively looking at Oct. 16, Sunday, at the Grabarek Corn Maze.
 - b. Campaign/Election updates
 - i. Governor: Regional Dem. meeting August 30, Norwich Senior Center
 - ii. SOTS: Stephanie Thomas
 - iii. Treasurer: Erick Russell
 - iv. 2nd CD: Joe Courtney HQ in Norwich; opponent Mike France
 - v. State Senate: Farouk Rajab still short \$2000 to qualify for public funding
 - vi. State Rep.: No Dem candidate; Kayla Thompson is placeholder
 - vii. Other: Sen. Blumenthal vs. L. Levy
 - c. Other: none
5. Old Business
 - a. Vacancies:
 - i. BoF Alt Vacancy: an unaffiliated candidate has indicated interest
 - ii. ZBA Vacancy: (Nick is on this board.)
 - iii. Other
 - b. Other: none
6. Updates from Town Officials (Optional)
 - a. BoS: (Sandra) Much going on. Grants pursued for bridge work in town, a couple will be done at no town expense; consultant hired to review job descriptions; looking into plans for Poquetanuck village: sidewalks and other ideas; investigating cost savings for town employee medical insurance costs.
 - b. BoE: (Sean) Union negotiations; school kids starting next week; staffing issues: need 6 fulltime substitute teachers, 4 busdrivers, statewide shortage cafeteria workers.

- c. BoF no report
- d. PRA (Sean): acknowledged passing of Jim Bell, longtime member; currently interviewing for a site director
- e. P&Z (Teri): short term rentals being discussed
- f. Youth Services: no report
- g. Other (none)

7. State Central Update: Nick credited good leadership of Gov. Lamont and Lt. Gov. Byziewicz; Dems have good candidates.

8. Public Comment: brief discussion about other fundraising possibilities. Jill S. Keith was present as an observer.

9. Motion to Adjourn by Sean, seconded by Linda. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM

Upcoming Meetings: September 26, October 24

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hotchkiss, secretary