

CHENEY HALL FOUNDATION, INC.  
MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2012 MEETING

Present: Kim Ashton, Sarah Burke, Lynne Ferrigno, Rob Huestis, Donna Mercier, Geoffrey Naab, Dave Newirth, Andy Vincens

Absent: Teresa Ike, Michael Pohl (excused), Gregory Simmons

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by President Naab.

MINUTES – A motion was made by Ms. Ferrigno, seconded by Mr. Huestis, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2012 meeting as submitted, with one correction: Under Building Report, change the second sentence to read "The heat was turned off during the warm spell and has since been turned back on with one boiler running and seems to be working." The motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT – The Treasurer's report for April was distributed, showing total assets \$49,885.63, of which \$40,702.10 is restricted and \$9,183.53 unrestricted. A motion was made by Mr. Newirth, seconded by Ms. Burke, to accept the report; the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the report is included with these minutes.

LTM REPORT – Mr. Newirth read Ms. Hodgson's report. The Eve Ensler event on May 6 was a success, with many first-time visitors to Cheney Hall, who we hope will return for "The Vagina Monologues" (June 8-24). Auditions are scheduled next week for the summer musical revue (Aug. 3-19). Promotion for these productions includes collaboration with the Manchester Art Association and an appearance by Ms. Hodgson on radio station WLIS/WMRD, covering Middlesex and New London Counties.

Dave Newirth has done a great job refurbishing the Green Room.

Tours of the Historical District by third-graders, including Cheney Hall, have gone well and continue through next week. Coloring pages have been distributed to the children and are starting to come back for a little arts competition.

The spring fundraising newsletter has gone out. Goals is to raise \$6,000.

The liquor license is still in process, but is expected to be ready for the "Vagina Monologues" run, with cabaret seating.

The Hall will be open for Heritage Day on Saturday, June 9, with art displays upstairs and down. The next day, June 10, the Connecticut Main Street Center ([ctmainst.org](http://ctmainst.org)) will hold its annual awards gala at the Hall.

BUILDING REPORT - Mr. Newirth reported no new problems. He, Mr. Naab and Mr. Simmons met with Town Public Works Director Mark Carlino to discuss seeking bids for consulting on the needed HVAC replacement. Letters should be going out soon to potential consultants, inviting them to a walk-through in June.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT – Ms. Ashton reported that our Web site, [cheneyhallfoundation.org](http://cheneyhallfoundation.org), has been established, and circulated copies of the pages. There are several links, including to the LTM site, [cheneyhall.org](http://cheneyhall.org). Ms. Ashton requested members to send her suggestions for the site. There was discussion of the mechanics of receiving donations via the Web site, including possible use of a PayPal account.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS – Mr. Naab acknowledged and thanked Ms. Ferrigno and Mr. Simmons for their help with the third-grade tours.

Mr. Naab submitted the Neighborhood Assistance Act application, but has not received an acknowledgement. He will follow up with Town Social Services Director Mary Roche Cronin.

Mr. Vincens initiated a discussion about possible sources of funding for the needed HVAC work, once we have the consultant's report. Various possibilities were mentioned, including the Town and various grant sources.

NEW BUSINESS – None

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA – Ms. Ashton will give us a report on a potential game night fund-raiser.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. Next meeting Wednesday, June 13.

Respectfully submitted,

Geoffrey Naab, Secretary pro tem