

CHILI PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION, INC.
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The Chili Library Foundation held five meetings in 2022. The focus at each meeting was to further refine the goals of the young Foundation and to assess how it can increase the community's awareness of the entity.

The core values, previously defined as Growth, Education, Future Focus and Commitment to the Community were articulated several times during the meetings.

2022 was our fifth year of organizing, developing, and implementing fund raising strategies. We continually strive to create a solid base and plan to enhance those core values.

As reported in our previous Annual Report, we started the year still wrestling with a plan to engage with the Friends of the Chili Public Library. To open dialog and discuss areas of difference and possible confusion and to explore some areas of common ground on which to collaborate, Vice-President Bill Calnon reached out to leadership of the Friends. He met with Friends leadership on March 15, 2022. The areas of concern and discussion were relayed to the Foundation Board at its March meeting. Following that, Dr. Calnon reached out to Friends leadership and asked if there was interest in future meetings with Foundation leadership to define areas of common interest on which to possibly collaborate. A response was not received.

To that end, the Foundation will continue to follow its own vision but continues to support the mission of the Friends and appreciates the impact its efforts have on the Chili community.

The Foundation welcomed and bid farewell to two individuals this year:

We welcomed our new Board member, Anne Marie Mattice. She is Vice-President and Chili Branch Manager of the Tompkins Bank of Castile. During her career, she has been intimately involved in three chambers of commerce, currently serving on the Board of the Gates- Chili Chamber.

On May 9, 2022 Foundation President Bob Pacer notified the Board that he was resigning his position. He and his spouse are relocating outside of New York State. Whereas we will miss Bob's leadership, we wish him well in his next chapter of life. His accomplishments and long-standing involvement with the Chili Library were appropriately noted during the Board's September meeting.

Fund Raising activities for the Foundation continue to be defined. Areas of exploration are grants from local and national foundations, naming rights for Library rooms, the concept of a "giving tree" and "challenge" giving with local businesses.

A November 2021 VIP, invitation-only event at the library continued to gain positive reviews. A total of 54 individuals attended including members of the Chili Town Board, the Chili community, the Library Board, the Foundation Board and Library staff. NYS State Senator Ed Rath also attended and addressed the group.

Library Director, Jeff Baker, led a tour of the library facilities for David Riedman from the Riedman Foundation. David is the son of Eileen Riedman who served on the Chili Public Library Board for 19 years (1974-1993) and chaired the Board three times.

Jeff Baker and Bill Calnon met with Chili Library Board President, Lori Hahn on August 10. Lori had information regarding a possible donation for the Foundation from an establishment in the area that was closing and had some residual funds. Bill Calnon received a phone contact from this group on November 16 and is providing the necessary information to his contact.

The Foundation continually strives to develop a sustainable base of supporters for the long-term viability of the Chili Public Library. Our Board of Directors is strong, diverse, and ready to meet the challenges ahead.

*The Financial Report is attached

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Foundation Board,

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