

ChicoryLane Foundation (CLF) Directors Special Meeting April 9, 2026

Minutes

Present: John Smith, Jim Pierce, Jim Zubler, Catherine Smith, Thom Rippon, Suzy Yetter, Loanne Snavelly (directors). Ian Smith, Lauren Smith (public)

Absent: Dana Reed, Adam Smith (consultant)

7:02 Meeting opened and quorum affirmed

Minutes of February 5, 2026 meeting unanimously approved without revision.

Announcements

John's updates:

- Dana Reed's resignation as director, accepted with regret.
- Symposium Saturday walk leaders and walk volunteers are now complete; John will lead walk thru and orientation for leaders and volunteers beginning April 20th at 9am. Directors are invited to join. Jim Pierce, Saturday volunteer coordinator, aims to attend orientations when he can.
- CLF's 2025 income report (990-PF) was submitted, accepted by the IRS, and is available for review at chicorylane.com/foundation/financials
- Liability insurance (directors/officers and events), renewable annually, has been arranged.

Catherine's comments on director and staff activities:

- Thom has preserved his historic farm in Union County with a conservation easement held by Merrill Linn Conservancy.
- Jim Pierce has made connection between CLF and aligned organization PVCA; has voiced a keynote announcement for WSOV (PVCA's community radio service); is placing posters in Millheim businesses, and will staff a table at the Banff Film Festival and PNPS native plant sale.
- Jim Zubler, Loanne, and Suzy are placing print promotions in Lewistown, Millheim, and other locations.
- Lauren and Catherine are generating and coordinating publicity for the Symposium keynote; promotions are regularly appearing or forthcoming in newsletters (and/or social media) of ClearWater Conservancy; PA Native Plant Society (PA-NPS); PVCA; Centre County Farmland Trust (CCFT), and the PSU Center for Private Forests. Also, WPSU (online), the *Centre County Gazette* (print), and WSOV (radio) are announcing the keynote in their community event calendars. Friends of ChicoryLane (Daina Beckstrand,

Adam Smith, others) are talking up the Symposium in Centre County Conservation District offices, Pheasants Unlimited meetings, and elsewhere

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- Committee Reports
- For the Activities Committee, Loanne reviewed plans for Symposium Sunday.
- The April 16th scheduled Activities Committee meeting will be in person at ChicoryLane. Remaining needs for Symposium organization and task assignments will be the main topic.

Actions

- Directors' meeting start time is changed to 5:30 pm for the next regular meeting in person at ChicoryLane on June 4
- A motion to describe ChicoryLane property as a reserve was adopted unanimously. The motion's purpose is to distinguish between the Foundation (organization) and the property (place) in order to communicate accurately; it has no legal effect. It is available for review at chicorylane.com/foundation/motions.
- Jim Zubler's suggestion to accept financial donations related to the symposium was tentatively accepted pending John's confirmation of accounting and inurement issues that might be entailed.

8 pm Meeting adjourned.

(Submitted by Catherine Smith, secretary)

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