

## PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON Board of Trustees Meeting of September 18, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President D. Roth at 4:20 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Garcia-Gonzalez, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski, Guest Lee Cornish Muller

Excused: J. Gonzalez, D. Hersant

Absent: J. Bridell

Minutes, August 21 meeting—approved

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report. Has not hired needed help because of city budget uncertainty. If appropriation from city is less than anticipated, areas to be greatly affected will be staff hours (fewer library hours) and purchases of books.

Personnel Committee—still missing evaluations from some board members.

<u>Nominating Committee</u>—there are currently a couple of possible new members for the board in the offing. The committee hopes to start developing a list of prospective members for use in the future so that the board membership can be maintained at 12.

<u>Development Committee</u>—in the process of developing an updated list of contributors. Board members asked to review current list and provide corrections and additions.

<u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>—awaiting proposal from the architect on the roof problem, so that can put the job out to bid.

There is no conflict with the preservation of historic buildings about re-grouting the steps.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—J. Esposito asked for the opinion of the board regarding raising the annual membership of the Friends dues to \$25 from \$20. All members thought the proposal reasonable.

<u>Old Business</u>—A contract with Otis Elevator providing semi-annual inspection and service was voted approved. The annual cost will be \$960.

The Director attended the Probate Court hearing (Sept. 4) on the settlement of the Bartlett estate and although ready to pick up the 3 pieces of furniture that day, plus a check for the remaining cash, was not able to do so because the attorney for the estate was granted 30 days to contest.

<u>New Business</u>—discussed the possibility of maintaining the Adopt-a-Book program on a continuing basis, instead of only during one month, hoping to provide an increase in revenue.

Voted to allow the videotaping (by her) of Sally Ryan's annual historical program on New London's history--considered this a valuable asset.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty Secretary