



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
October 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President D. Roth at 4:10 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, J. Bridell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Garcia Gonzalez, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: J. Gonzalez

Minutes, September 18 meeting—approved

Director's Report—see her written report. Expecting \$602,700 to be received from the city for the coming year (down 2% from \$615,000). State statistics show New London to be third from the bottom in amounts received as library support from the cities they represent.

One of the elevators broke again but has been repaired.

The three pieces of furniture from the Mabel Bartlett estate have arrived and are currently in the history room.

Personnel Committee—a new full time employee is in place. She is currently covered by her husband's health care plan and hopefully will sign off on the library's policy.

All evaluation forms received by the committee.

Nominating Committee—Robert McCready, formerly on the personnel board of the city, a potential new board member, will come to the next meeting of the library board as a guest.

Treasurer Report—Year to date the library is below budget at far as expenses go.

Cam Perrone, investment advisor, has announced his retirement.

Development Committee—D. Roth and S. Maryeski will begin developing a letter to be used in the upcoming annual appeal.

Grant Committee—some Bodenwein funds left—will be used to rearrange the childrens' area. Decision not yet made whether to use large, round tables or smaller, rectangular ones for tutoring.

Building/Grounds Committee—the roof repair job has been put out to bid (3 contractors) Stair grouting is the next job--in the works.

Suggestion that a portable bump be used in the parking lot to discourage traffic going through to avoid the light at the top of State St. Will check on prices.

Friends of the Library—the annual meeting will be on Sunday, November 18, with a guest speaker, Robert Steele, author of The Curse, a book on gambling's effect on a small New England town.

Old Business--Paul Russ Antiques to be contacted about an appraisal of the Mabel Bartlett furniture, in the event the library wants to sell or auction off the items. The balance of \$20,000 cash has still to be received from the estate.

New Business—white Christmas lights will be provided by the City Center District to put in the windows facing State St.

G. Angell attended a seminar on board governance. Recommendation: that membership be diverse and consideration be given to “influence and affluence” when choosing new members.

Suspension of Regular Meeting—in order to go into executive session to discuss the evaluation of the director. Eight questions had been asked regarding her performance and all were answered very positively. It was voted to give the director a 3 ½% raise in salary.

Resumption of Regular Meeting—there being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty
Secretary