

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes February 16, 2013

While awaiting a quorum to start the meeting David Miceli, the auditor, presented and discussed items in the annual audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2012. He complimented the staff and the Treasurer on their excellent records and found no areas that need correction.

The meeting was called to order by President D. Roth at 4:30 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, J. Gonzalez, D. Hersant, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: E. Gerity, E. Garcia Gonzalez, W. Hannaford

Minutes, December 18, 2012 meeting-approved

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report. The mayor met with the Director, telling her of the financial difficulties of the city and that the 4th quarter payment of \$150,000 due the Library for April, May and June, might be reduced. The Treasurer said that there will be sufficient cash to cover expenses for the next few months

The Director met with C. Lopez, the New London community police officer, to discuss the possible procedures that could be adopted as part of a security lock-down policy for the Library.

<u>Personnel Committee</u>—The committee was told of a group of lawyers with offices both in Hartford and New Haven who could be of great help in writing policies, particularly with regard to leaves—and they are a pro bono group. The committee will look into this.

<u>Nominating Committee</u>—A possible addition to the Board is Robert McReady, who has been invited to the next month's meeting as an observer. Two other people have been suggested as members and will be contacted to determine if there is an interest on their part.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>—an analysis of expenditures for the first six months of this fiscal year was presented to the Board. The Treasurer said that if monthly expenses continue at the curresnt level the total for the year may be around \$11,000 less than budgeted.

<u>Development Committee</u>—so far \$2,700 has been received in the annual giving program. In the spring maybe a postcard reminder will be mailed to those on the mailing list from whom there has been no reply.

<u>Grant Committee</u>—have been notified that the Library will not be receiving a grant from the Gemma Moran fund (for food for after school children).

<u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>—The roof held up well under all the recent snow—no leaks. It now needs to go through a certification process in order to receive a warranty.

Ads for bids for the stair repairs are being prepared.

Heating bills for this year are less than last year (thanks to new gas burner?).

<u>New Business</u>—it was voted to charge a fee of \$25 for requests from out-of-town patrons for time spent on genealogy or local history requests, article and obituary searches and government or municipal documents.

An article written by Atty. Londregan re the settling of the Mabel Bartlett estate, which he suggests that the Library submit to The Day for publication, was discussed. Action was deferred to next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty Secretary