



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting

July 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:10 pm

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

Excused: L. Braxton

Minutes of the June 17, 2014 meeting were approved

Director's Report—see her written report. She is concerned that our services in the reference and children's departments are not as good as they could be because we are limited by budget constraints to hire only part time librarians for those departments.

A grant has been received from the ALA to provide a political counselor in November to help with approaching the city for funds. We currently receive approximately three quarters of a percent of the city's budget and would like to get that up to one percent (resulting in about \$200,000 more for a year).

The library will be represented at the Tug Boats, etc. booth on July 26 in New London's downtown.

Personnel Committee—J. Esposito asked the board members to return to her as soon as possible the evaluation reports covering the director's performance for the past year.

Nominating Committee—the process of looking for new board members is still going on.

Treasurer's Report—the fiscal year ended with \$655,000 total expenses, versus the budgeted amount of \$670,000. Nevertheless, the cash flow for the coming year will still need to be carefully monitored.

Building & Grounds Committee—waiting for an estimate for redoing the computer area and checking on the possibility of a grant for installing some solar panels.

Friends of the Library—Book Worm letters are out and board members were urged to send their forms and \$20 in promptly.

The date for the book sale has been set at Sept. 13—will be happy to receive donations of books, baked goods and bric-a-brac .

An author to speak at the Nov. annual meeting has not yet been decided upon--suggestions would be most welcome.

New Business—voted to skip the originally scheduled August board meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary