



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting

Draft Minutes

December 16, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:10 P.M.

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

Absent: E. Gerity, W. Hannaford

Minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved, after the addition of the report of the Friends of the Library: "The Friends' annual meeting was very successful and the author who spoke at the meeting was well received. A check for \$11,000 was presented to the library, representing proceeds from the various fund-raising activities that were held during the year."

Director's Report—See her written report. She presented charts showing differences in tax appropriations, service visits, hours, wages, programs, etc., among the five southeastern CT libraries. This library is suffering from poor city financial support but is one of the busiest.

She has been invited to speak to the Board of Education before one of its meetings in the near future to promote the library's cause.

A grant request will be submitted to Liberty Bank shortly for \$1,000 for pre-school children's books.

Executive Committee—Met to approve the sale of the T-shirts and to discuss with the Director the preparation of the 2016 budget.

Treasurer's Report—Expenditures to date (July 1 to Nov. 30) totaled approximately \$291,000. The budgeted amount was \$284,000.

Development Committee—The annual appeal letters were all mailed about a week ago. Some donations have already been received.

Building/Grounds Committee—The source of a small leak in the top floor between the old and new buildings has not yet been found but will continue to be pursued.

Friends of the Library—Rick Gipstein has been contacted regarding the printing of note cards showing views of the library. Five different views can be used. He will check on the cost of the project.

Long Range Planning Committee—The committee has been inactive for some time while more pressing short term needs were addressed. A. Kinsall has agreed to be chairman of this committee and will reactivate it soon.

Ad Hoc Library Support Committee—Demand for the T-shirts has required the purchase of 50 more.

No meetings will be held for the rest of the month but will resume in January.

New Business—The proposed 2016 budget, due to be presented to the city in January, was discussed and approved. Total expenditures come to \$1,312,540 of which approximately \$132,000 is for the hiring of full time reference and children's librarians. The aim is to receive around 2% of the city's budget—a large increase over the current year.

A CDBG grant proposal will be prepared after receiving cost estimates for ceiling tile and window replacements. The maximum to be asked for will be \$30,000. It may be possible to ask for both, but if the costs are too great only one will be requested.

It was voted to accept (with a letter of thanks) the gift of a framed photo of New London harbor taken by Seth Bendfelt.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary

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