



## **PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON**

### **Library Board of Trustees**

#### **Minutes**

**April 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:00 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Gerity, D. Hersant, D. Roth, Council Liaison E. Dominguez, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: A. Kinsall

Absent: L. Braxton, E. Garcia Gonzales, W. Hannaford

Public Comments--Michael Passero, a member of the City Council, presented an overview of the current status of the upcoming city's budget and the possibility of the library's receiving an increase over its current year's funding . The city does not expect to see more revenue but will definitely experience an increase in costs, particularly in insurance costs. This will mean that there will be no possibility of doubling the library's support as requested. He did, however, feel sure that there will be some increase. He complimented the Library Support Committee for its excellent job of educating the council and the public about the library and its appearances at council meetings. He urged it to continue publicizing the library's programs and needs.

Opening of Business--Minutes of the March 16, 2015, meeting were approved.

Director's Report—most of her time over the past month has been devoted to budget preparations and to meetings and appearances associated with them. She reviewed the lists of nine grants either awarded or applied for. She needs volunteers to man a table at the entrance during the afternoons to ask patrons to sign requests to city councilors to support the library.

Treasurer's Report—total expenses to date total \$520,000. Expectations are that the total for the year will be a bit more than budgeted.

Audrey Leone, the library's auditor, distributed her audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014. She described a number of upcoming required changes in format that might appear in the statements in the next year, aimed at making them easier to read. She said that no management letter

was necessary in as much as all records were in good order. She had high praise for the library's bookkeeper for her excellent records.

Building & Grounds—the painting of the outside of the windows has been put at the top of the list of necessary repairs, followed by the bathroom remodeling job and then the window blinds installation. There is still more to do, including the upgrading of the lighting in the staff room.

Nominating Committee—Irving Steel has shown interest in serving on the board. He will be invited to come to a meeting. Bill Hannaford's current term is ending June 30. He will be contacted to see if he wishes to serve another three years.

Friends of the Library—work on the book sale scheduled for May 30 is progressing. More donations of books, bric-a-brac and baked goods will be welcome.

New Business—the Rotary Club is expressing an interest in funding the purchase of a Bookmobile, plus maintaining it. This would be a boon to child care and senior citizen centers. Its service could also encompass homes, parks and beaches. Hopefully it will become a reality.

The director has been asked to serve as the fiscal agent for a coalition of some of the area churches' projects. It was agreed that she simply would not have the time to do this, even though it would have been nice to be able to help.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary