



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON
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Board of Trustees Meeting
September 15, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Gordon Angell at 4:10 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, L. Braxton, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, A. Kinsall, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: D. Hersant, D. Roth

Absent: E. Garcia Gonzalez

The new children's librarian, Michele Belanger, was introduced to all members of the board. She spoke of her background and experiences prior to coming to New London. She has available for programs for young children two grants already received .

Minutes of the August 18, 2015, minutes were approved after substitution of the words "requests for proposals" for "bids are out" in the Building Committee report.

Director's Report—(see her written report). She expects the annual audit to take place in November.

The flooding problem in the lower level during the heavy rainfall recently is thought to have possibly been caused by water off the roof not getting into the drain—will be looked into.

She would like to have an ad hoc committee of community members to help publicize the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program. The board voted its approval.

The Board voted to close the library on Saturday, Dec. 26, upon her recommendation.

Nominating Committee—Mr. Kydd, a potential board member, will be invited to the next board meeting. There are a couple of other names being explored as possible members.

Development Committee—it was agreed that the library's early childhood reading programs should be the focus of the annual giving appeal letter.

Building & Grounds Committee—Rick Gipstein was contacted about whether handicap access could be made available to the existing bathroom. He said it was not possible because of the small space. But he will draw up a sketch showing what changes might conceivably be made in the building to provide this.

Talks are still ongoing about relocating the computer station and adding the reference area to the circulation area

Friends of the Library—around \$3,000 was raised by the wine tasting party held last month. Josie Esposito was commended for all her work on this very successful event. Next on their agenda will be preparations for their annual meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee—plans are for a Sept. 30th meeting. The board was asked to get in touch with the committee with any suggestions of items to be planned for.

Old Business—the Building Committee was asked to check out the possibility of vinyl flooring vs. carpeting for the area in front of the circulation desk , and to make a decision.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. and the members then watched a 10 minute video presentation on what it means to be a trustee.

Respectfully, submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary