

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON Board of Trustees Meeting October 20, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:36 p.m.

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

Absent: L. Braxton, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford

Henry Kydd III was approved as a new member and welcomed to his first meeting.

Minutes of the September 15, 2015, meeting were approved.

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report. She announced that two awards had been received. One was from the Foundation Center Funding Information Network for Excellence in Innovation This was one of only three awarded nationally. She went to New York to receive it. The second was from the Association of Connecticut Library Boards and was awarded to Daneen Roth for being trustee of the year. This was in recognition of her organizing a budget initiative that increased the municipal support of the library.

She is urging that work begin on next year's budget so that one can be ready in December

The Adopt-a-Book program in currently under way and will continue until Dec. I

Padgett & Sons has been contacted and has agreed to do whatever towing will become necessary in the parking lot.

<u>Nominating Committee</u>—waiting to hear from a possible new member of the board, Atty. Victoria Mueller.

<u>Finance Committee</u>—will set up a meeting to start work on the new budget. Extending the library's hours and the need for increasing its data bases will be considered.

<u>Development Committee</u>—the annual appeal letter is in process with hopes to have it out around the first of December.

More tee shirts are needed, with this time the slogan "we transform lives" to be put on the back (the wording so voted later on in the meeting). H. Kydd will check on the possibility of getting help with this from the high school.

<u>Building & Grounds Committee</u>—bids were received for the window painting job and the contract was awarded to Harbour Painting. The work will be done next spring.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—the annual reception is set for November 22 in the Community Room. The time has been moved up to 2:30 p.m., to avoid parking conflicts with the Garde's 3:00 p.m. program start. Our security guard will be present to help.

<u>Long Range Planning Committee</u>—a meeting has been scheduled for the last week in October to develop questions to be used for the planned survey.

<u>Executive Session</u>—voted to open this session in order to review the director's evaluations and to consider a raise for her. Because of the excellent reviews of her performance and her extraordinary efforts this year it was voted to give her a \$5,000 raise in salary, effective July 1, 2015. The session was then voted closed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary