

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON Board of Trustees Meeting February 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:10 p.m.

Present: G. Angell, L. Braxton, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, H. Kydd III, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski and prospective new board member Victoria Mueller

Excused: E. Gerity, D. Hersant, A. Kinsall

Absent: E. Garcia Gonzalez, W. Hannaford

The C,P.A. from the accounting firm hired by the Library distributed copies of her audit of the Library's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 and reviewed the items in it. Everything was in order, no corrections had to be made. She commended the bookkeeper for her excellent work.

Victoria Mueller was introduced to the board as a prospective new member. She spoke of some of her current and past interests and affiliations and connections to the Library.

Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2016 and special meeting of February 1, 2016 were approved.

<u>Director's Report</u>—she distributed copies of a proposal for multiple snow guards for the roof for a cost of approximately \$5,700. Additional proposals will be obtained before a decision is made. In addition, prices are being obtained for supplying shades for the upper reading room.

She told of receiving a vulgar threatening call recently and reported it to the police

There was a lengthy discussion of the pros and cons of operating a bookmobile, should the acceptance of the donation of one be in the future.

<u>Development Committee</u>—reminder postcards were mailed recently to former donors to the annual appeal who have not donated as yet this year.

<u>Biuilding & Grounds Committee</u>—the carpeting for the front of the circulation desk has been ordered, the sidewalk hazard has been fixed and a meeting with R. Gipstein regarding the main floor bathroom renovation can hopefully be arranged for the near future.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—quarterly flyers for the Bookworm Club are out and work on the next newsletter and May book sale is progressing

<u>Long Range Planning Committee</u>—it held a meeting two weeks ago and will meet again next week to work on developing a survey. The results should give the board a feeling for what the public considers the needs of the Library

L. Braxton reported that the Black History Film Fest movie shown at the Library last Friday and the discussion period that followed were very successful.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary