

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON 63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320 Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting September 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4:05 p.m.

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

Absent: L. Braxton, W. Hannaford

Minutes of the August 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report She reported on her tour of the ISAAC school (a charter school serving grades 6 to 8 in downtown New London). As there is no substantial library in that school future collaboration with this library can be expected.

She reported that a gift of \$1,000 has already been received, the first of the annual giving.

She attended Monday night's N. L. council meeting and spoke for a bit.

<u>Personnel Committee</u>—R.Baude, a proposed new board member, has declined for the present, citing already promised commitments for Tuesday afternoons. D Roth will contact J. Gonzalez to see if he is in a position to rejoin the board.

<u>Finance Committee</u>—all is well with the operating account—sufficient funds to cover all current expenses.

<u>Development Committee</u>—the annual appeal letter is in process. It will include indications of how the previous year's donated money was spent and will stress need for money to provide services to the public rather than for such items as building repairs. Suggestions from board members are welcome.

<u>Grant Committee</u>—the director announced that the grant money for the repair of the windows has been received and that the Charter Oak bank will match donations to the library of up to \$100 for the next six weeks or so.

<u>Building/Grounds Committee</u>—considering the possibility of naming a "Facilities Manager." A current employee would be a likely candidate. There will be more on this next month.

<u>Friends of the Library</u>—starting to work on the annual meeting/reception. The date has been set for Nov. 13 at 2 p.m.

<u>Policy/Bylaws Committee</u>—a policy covering the lending of Wi-Fi equipment will be developed in the coming month.

<u>Long Range Planning Committee</u>—Input (suggestions for inclusions in the plan) is needed from board members before the October meeting

<u>Old Business</u>—it was voted to have the library become the fiduciary for the Poet Laureate city project (brought up at last month's meeting).

<u>New Business</u>—The preliminary budget for the year was reviewed in detail. There was a discouraging difference in the anticipated income and expense totals. More work will be done.

It was voted to install new phone equipment, Frontier Communications being awarded the bid.

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The Executive Committee then met to authorize the signatures of the president, vice-president, treasurer and chairman of the finance committee as signatories for the operating checking account at Citizens Bank.

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