



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON
63 Huntington Street, New London, CT 06320
Minutes of Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17, 2017

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

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, D. Hersant, A. Kinsall, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: W. Hannaford, H. Kydd III

Absent: L. Braxton, E. Garcia Gonzalez, V. Mueller

Minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

Director's Report—(see her written report) She spoke of the need for an upgrade to the security cameras . She will meet with a representative of the firm which supplies them to discuss this. Also, there is a need for the installation of a panic button in the children's room.

Other items: five focus groups have met; maybe there would be interest in establishing a history book club; there is a need for new computers for public use; and it would be good to have another Hotspot.

Treasurer's Report—both the monthly and year to date expenditures have been under budget.

Development Committee—donations from the annual giving request total almost \$12,000 (an increase over last year's total). Some reminder cards will go out soon. Questioned whether to add the names of city councilors, teachers , and Board of Education members to the annual appeal mailing list.

Grant Committee—the application for a grant from the Shea Trust is due soon. It was suggested that the library ask for more than the \$30,000 it has been receiving annually for a number of years, provided convincing justification is given for the increase.

Building & Grounds Committee—work on the ceiling replacement project for the reading room is still in progress.

Friends of the Library—a meeting will be held shortly for the purpose of setting a date for the annual book sale this spring.

Policy & Bylaws Committee—a new policy covering the borrowing of Wi-Fi Hotspots was presented to the board for review and discussion.

New Business—there apparently is a new Google Chrome program that will list all the libraries which stock a particular book, and will put that book on hold, if requested. It will be looked into.

The current fee schedule needs to be examined and revised. Because input from the staff will be helpful it was decided to wait until next month before taking any action.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary