



PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes August 20, 2013

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

Present: G. Angell, L. Braxton, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Excused: J. Gonzalez

Absent: E. Garcia-Gonzalez, E. Gerity

Minutes of July 16, 2013 approved

Director's Report – no written report as Director has just returned from vacation. Announced that check has been received from the city. One resignation of a part time employee has been received. Remaining staff have been filling in for her. A number of minor repairs to the building took place during the past month. An estimate of approximately \$33,000 has been received for much needed renovation of the patrons' bathroom.

Treasurer's Report – have discovered that the State of CT has no record of the library's existence (since 1882). Steps have been taken to correct this

Hopefully expenses for the coming year can be kept at around \$50,000 per month. This may very well require substantial cuts in the hours of service (in addition to the cut in Monday's hours already in effect).

Development Committee – plans to meet in September

Building & Grounds Committee – is in the process of working on a contract to repair the steps

Long Range Planning Committee – a meeting has been planned for the 25th on this month.

New Business – voted to apply for a \$150,000 grant from the state under its Library Construction/Renovation Grant for Distressed Municipalities (one-half to be the responsibility of the library). This money to be used for all the repairs, replacements and renovations currently needed by the library.

The Director is planning on instituting monthly newsletters (which will include continuing requests for donations).

The meeting adjourned at 5:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty
Secretary