

PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON Board of Trustees Meeting of August 21, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President D. Roth at 4:15

Present: J. Brodell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Hersnat, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski, Guest G. Videll

Excused: G. Angell, J. Gonzalez

Absent: E. Garcia Gonzalez

Minutes, July 17 meeting—approved

<u>Director's Report</u>—see her written report. Commended G. Evans, morning custodian, for doing a number of small jobs around the library, unasked

Nominating Committee—Lee Cornish Muller was suggested as a possible new member for the board. J. Esposito will pursue the matter

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>--D. Hersant presented the income and expense summary for the month of July as well as a statement of the value of the investment accounts as of June 30.

The tentative grant from the city for the coming year has been set at \$602,700, but this could possibly be reduced by another \$200,000 depending on the result of a pending referendum

The grants received for the repair of the roof and stairs will not cover the total costs but the balances due can be covered by the Haven and Bartlett funds.

<u>Development Committee</u>—D. Roth is working with P. Cibes to update the mailing list.

The committee will wait for the results from the city's referendum before setting a goal for an appeal to the general public. PayPal will be available for donors' use.

Users of the Genealogy Room will be asked to provide their names and addresses (to be added to the mailing list in the hope of donations from out of town people).

<u>Grant Committee</u>—a new chairman is needed to replace B. Willoughby. J. Briddell volunteered to serve on a temporary basis.

New Business

A settlement agreement re the Estate of Mabel Bartlett should be completed soon. The sum of \$20,000 should be coming to the library. The question arose about the delivery of a chair, writing desk and table, also due the library from the estate (hopefully this will be taken care of by Atty. McGarry)

A contract with Otis Elevator for service on the staff elevator is being negotiated. The frequency of visits needs to be clarified.

Voted to endorse Readers First initiative—concerning downloading e-books to one's own equipment—a national program

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty Secretary