



Public Library of New London

Board of Trustees

Minutes June 19, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Daneen Roth at 4PM.

Present: G. Angell, M. Doherty, J. Esposito, E. Gerity, W. Hannaford, D. Hersant, D. Roth, M. Friess-McSparran (City Council Representative) and S. Maryeski, Library Director.

Minutes of the May 15th meeting of the Board of Trustees were accepted as presented.

Director's Report:

- The reception for Tara Samul, Head of Circulation, who leaves us to join the East Lyme Library, was well attended.
- The trash from the basement of the Library took four dumpsters to haul away. The Board thanks Mr. Angell for his help with this project.
- The library has had an inspection by the Fire Inspector and there are two small items that need to be addressed by August.
- The Cooperating Collections breakfast was a success and more than 75 people attended.
- The estate of Mabel Bartlett continues to remain open. There has been no information nor communication from Atty. McGarry who handled her estate.
- The Library has received a \$1500 grant from Veolia for after school science program in the fall.
- A webinar was offered for librarians called Black Belt Security for Librarians.

Personnel & Nominating: J. Esposito reports that Ellen Paul has been approved by the personnel committee for head of reference. E. Gerity MOVED, W. Hannaford SECONDED Ellen Paul be approved by the Board of Trustees for this position.

Treasurer's Report: D. Hersant reports that the budget is on target. We will narrowly escape a deficit if there is no budgetary decrease in funding from the City. The item outstanding is the cost of roof repairs. It is still uncertain what the firm cost will be.

It is deemed by policy that we vote to appoint an auditor. D. Hersant MOVED, J. Esposito SECONDED to reappoint Doherty, Beals, and Banks CPAs to remain as auditors for the Library. SO MOVED.

Grants: The Board thanks B. Willoughby to keep the Library Staff focused on receiving grants for the Library. Thusfar, we have received \$1500 written by Chris Staubach from Veolia, \$3300 from the

Chamber of Commerce written by Tara Samul, \$3670 written by Ellen Paul from Dime Bank, and \$5,000 from the Liberty Bank Foundation written by Suzanne Maryeski.

Building & Grounds: G. Angell reports that there will be installation of two new boilers that utilize gas being brought in from the street. The oil tanks still need removed.

The roof infrared inspection has been rescheduled to June 20th to detect moisture in the roofing.

The stairs on the brownstone (historic) part of the building need to be addressed. Mr. Angell will continue to look into this. Some of these repairs will be covered by the CDBG grant.

Friends of the Library: J. Esposito states that the Book Sale made \$3000 and will continue to make more as long as the books are available for sale. Bookworms is coming out once more and she encourages all Board members to participate. Also, in the works is possibly a garden tour fund raiser for next June 2013.

Policy & Bylaws: M. Doherty reports that the Annual Meeting will take place next month, July, to elect a slate of officers.

Long Range Planning & Development: D. Roth reports that the committee will meet to revisit J. Briddell's list.

OLD BUSINESS: There will be a hearing for the estate of Mabel Bartlett on July 31, 2012 at 10AM. A letter is being prepared by Atty. Thomas Londregan to Atty. McGarry to settle the estate. There is cash of \$20,000 plus a chair and a desk left in the estate.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Gerity, Secretary and member of the Board of Trustees

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