



## PUBLIC LIBRARY OF NEW LONDON

Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes March 18, 2014

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

Present: L. Braxton, M. Doherty, E. Gerity, D. Hersant, A. Kinsall, D. Roth, Director S. Maryeski

Absent: E. Garcia-Gonzalez

Excused: G. Angell, J. Esposito, J. Gonzalez, W. Hannaford

Minutes of the January 28, 2014 meeting were approved.

Director's Report—see her written report. The Drop-in Learning Center is interested in an arts/crafts program to be held in the library on a daily basis for middle school children. The board reacted favorably and the program will still be considered

Treasurer's Report—see the financial statement as of 2/28/14 that he presented. Noted was the decrease in heating costs because of the switch from oil heat to gas.

Development Committee—postcards were sent out as a second mailing for the annual appeal. So far a few hundred dollars have been received.

Grant Committee—A request for \$3,000 from the State library as part of its literacy program will be submitted this month.

Action Item—a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year ending 6/30/15 in the amount of \$684,384 (an increase of \$23,744 over the current year's budget) was voted approved.

New Business—voted to increase the minimum hourly rate for employees to the \$10.10 rate recently adopted by the city, retroactive to March 1

Voted to increase the hourly rate for the night maintenance man to \$12 per hour, effective now.

Voted a 2.5% raise for the 20 current employees, to be effective 7/1/14. (The additional necessary dollars are included in the proposed budget.)

Voted to close the library on Saturday, July 5, 2014, and approved the board meeting dates for the period July through December 2014.

The Director will poll the employees to see if there is interest in becoming part of the dental portion of the medical plan currently in effect. All would have to join, or none. The library would not absorb the cost.

The Homeless Coalition will be using the community room for a meeting on March 27. It was considered advisable that a member of the board be present. D. Hersant volunteered to do so.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Doherty, Secretary